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President McKay to Address Young People

Polynesian Branch

Elder Eddie Teo Scorns Riches To Raise Funds For Others

If there is such a thing as a one man Rockerfeller Foundation, the title would belong to a soft-spoken Samoan who works as a longshoreman on the San Francisco docks.

Over the past dozen years, Eddie Teo has raised millions of dollars for worthy causes. Just how much, he is reluctant to say, but, when pressed, he admits that he has raised $1,600,000 for Mormon objectives alone, and his LDS fund-raising is but a minor part of his activities.

Eddie Teo is conspicuous at a time when there has been a series of scandals about the cost of raising money, in that none of it sticks to his fingers. In fact, right now Eddie needs $700 rather badly to fix up his car. He doesn't have the money, and without the car he can't continue to raise more millions to give away.

"I think I will have to charge expenses," Eddie says sadly, in his soft Samoan accent. But he hates to do this. He likes to contribute his own time and efforts free in his fund-raising work. Eddie feels that he owes a debt to the world which he can never repay, though certainly he is doing his share toward it.

EDDIE TEO - He gives away millions.

DINNER ON ROCKS

Eddie Teo, a member of the Polynesian Branch of San Francisco stake, puts on Samoan dinners and shows. The dinner is cooked native style, on hot rocks (that's how he broke down his car, carrying rocks). After the feast comes a floor show of native talent for a full evening's entertainment. As many as 2,000 people attend these shindigs of Eddie's and the price per plate is as high as $25.

Eddie's Samoan evenings are so popular that he puts on more than 100 of them a year, in the Bay area and ranging as far as Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. He is booked for a year ahead. And suddenly he needs $700 to fix his car so he can keep going.

The shows are sponsored by various worthy organizations - hospitals, churches, civic organizations, groups fighting disease and juvenile delinquency - there are so many good causes that require money. The organization furnishes the place, and Eddie furnishes the feast and the show, charging only the bare cost of the food and expenses for his entertainer. For himself, nothing. Eddie wants it that way.

PAYING DEBT

Eddie is paying back a debt that he began accumulating when a boy, and grew up the son of a chief on the island of Tutuila, and grew up near Pago Pago. What he liked to do best was brawl, and he worked hard at making a reputation as the toughest character of the islands.

He had no use for the missionaries. He lived right next door to the Mormon church, and just about the time Eddie was getting to sleep after a big Saturday night the singing would begin next door for Sunday services. So Eddie would go out and throw rocks through the windows until he got peace and quiet.

Then one night a friend of his, named George, was severly beaten by mistake, by a gang who thought George was Eddie. As a result of the beating, George died. This sobered Eddie. And then came a remarkable incident. After George had been pronounced dead at the hospital, the Mormon missionaries whom Eddie had scorned went to the hospital, administered to George, and recalled him to life.

Eddie saw this happen, and next Sunday morning he was on the front row at church. From that time he quit brawling and accepted his responsibilities as a chief He came to America in 1947 to give his sons the education they would need to help their people. And he dedicated his life to repaying the debt that he felt he owed.

Eddie's most memorable shindig was upon the occasion of the cutting of his son's hair. The favorite son of a chief is the "long-haired boy," who never knows the shears until he is 17 years old. On the occasion of the hair-cutting, Eddie invited everyone to come and be his guest. However, a local LDS ward was building a chapel, so the ward sponsored the affair at $5 a plate and Eddie furnished food and entertainment out of his own pocket for 2,200 guests.

COMPOSER-ARRANGER

Eddie composes all the native music on his shows, and rearranges American tunes for Samoan flavor. He plays just about any instrument blown or plucked, but for some reason is unable to get into the musician's union.

The knife dance featured on his show is, he says, "All mine - it belongs to my family." Imitations have sprung up, however. It would seem that we are a long ways from Samoa and that chiefs are a bit out of style, but if Eddie is spotted in the audience during an unauthorized performance of the family dance, the act breaks up as the dancers flee to the wings.

Despite the millions he has raised, it is not a matter of money to Eddie Teo. He holds the family secret regarding a cove on the islands where there is a fortune in a bed of oysters bearing black pearls. But his grandfather was

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Oakland Third

Dave Hoopes President At Oakland High

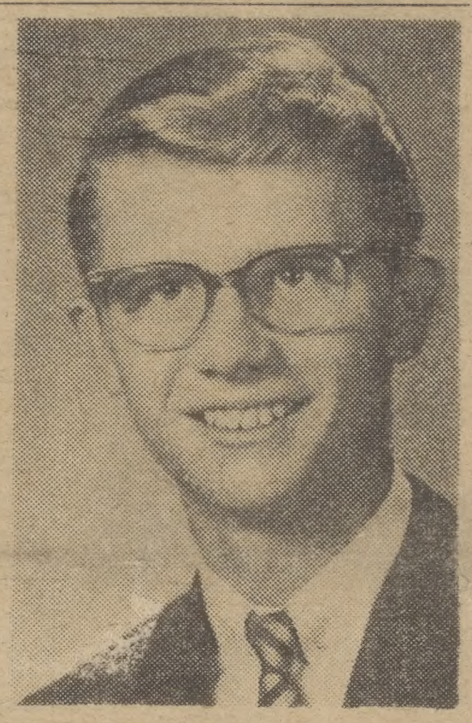
Dave Hoopes, son of Bishop and Mrs. Lorenzo N. Hoopes of Oakland Third Ward, has been elected Spring Semester president of the Oakland High School studentbody.

The school has an enrollment of 3100 students, less than one per cent of whom are members of the L D S Church.

Dave, a priest in Oakland Third Ward, is a senior at Oakland High and has been prominent in many student activities. He has been president of the Boys Federation, a member of class council and Delegate Assembly, member of the track team, chaplain of Rambler Hi-Y and a member of the California Scholarship Federation.

He served on the Student Cabinet two previous terms as Commissioner of Boys' Affairs and Commisioner of Buildings and Grounds.

Just recently Dave qualified for his fifth consecutive Individual Award in the Aaronic Priesthood program with 100 per cent attendance during the entire period for one absence due to illness. He is serving currently as president of the Seminary class and president of the Ensign group of his ward.



DAVE HOOPES president-elect of Oakland High School studentbody.

Warren Pugh New President Of Northern Calif. Mission

When President Stephen H. Love was released last December as president of the Northern California Mission, President Warren E. Pugh of Salt Lake City was on hand to take over the position. He and Mrs. Pugh immediately traveled about the mission meeting the groups of Elders.

At the end of three weeks President Pugh called at the home of Isaac B. and Rachel H. Ball in Berkeley to say a friendly "hello" to old friends and former fellow-members of the Third Ward in Salt Lake City. From that interview the Messenger is able to supply some interesting details of the man and his family who will be occupying the Mission Home on Buena Vista Terrace in San Francisco for the next three or four years.

Ward Bishop

Elder Pugh comes to his present position in the Northern California Mission from 13 months as bishop of the Holliday Eighth Ward (about ten miles southeast of Salt Lake City), and as a member of the recent Utah State Legislature. Three years as a bishop's counselor and four years on the high council of the Holliday Stake precede his call as bishop.

President Pugh is senior partner and general manager of the Cummins Intermountain Diesel Sales Company of Salt Lake City. From this position he is taking a leave of absence

President Love and President Pugh are both in the diesel sales field, being to an extent friendly competitors, though President Love's company specializes in service to the mining industry, a field not covered generally by the Cummins company. Elder Pugh began with his company in 1942 as office manager, and has worked his way to the top position and major owner of the business.

Like many successful businessmen President Pugh serves as director of other business concerns, in this case including the Diamond Asphalt Company and the Utah Motor Transport Association, both of Salt Lake City. Besides this he has served for some time as a member of the Utah State Board of Pardons.

Married Coloradan

Leta Curtis, a convert to the Church at age 18 at her home in Grand Junction, Colorado, married Elder Pugh in the Salt Lake Temple in 1933. A son Lorin, 18, is now a freshman at the University of Utah school of engineering. Another son, Donald, 12, is with his parents in San Francisco. Their only daughter, Mrs. Carol Matheson, lives in Salt Lake City with her husband and their three young daughters.

The father and mother of President Pugh, William E. and Eva

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Oakland Second Ward

'Box-Lunch Social' For Stake Funds

"A Box-Lunch Social, now what ever will that be?" Just some good old-fashioned fun for everyone who comes.

Admission will be a box lunch for two (done up real pretty) and fifty cents per couple. The lunches will be auctioned off to the highest bidder and even mom will get a chance to try someone else's chicken salad.

There will be punch available and after the fun of a surprise dinner we'll all dance the rest of the evening away. Feature of the evening will be some old waltzes and fox trots. A few of the more current dances will be played for the young at heart too.

Do plan on coming, won't you? Box Lunch Social that's Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. in the Oakland Second Ward recreation hall. Proceeds to go toward the Inter-Stake Building Fund.

Thirteen-Week Campaign To Open Jan. 3

President David O. McKay will deliver the principal address at a gigantic youth meeting of the members of the Hayward, Oakland-Berkeley and Walnut Creek Stakes scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, January 3 at the Interstake Center, it was announced by Ruke M. Decker, YWMIA Superintendent of the host stake. It is one of about 170 meetings of youth held throughout the Church.

President McKay's message will come to the youth of the three stakes by special delayed closed circuit from the Salt Lake Tabernacle where he will address a similar assemblage of the youth of many Salt Lake City Stakes.

To Give Talks

Prior to President McKay's special message an hour—long program which include talks by young people from all three stakes and special music by the Oakland-Berkeley stake youth chorus augmented with young singers from Hayward and Walnut Creek stakes. The chorus will be directed by Verna Johnson, stake chorister, with Helen Clovis as accompanist. Rowene Basinger will direct the congregation singing.

All the youth of the three stakes, their Mutual Improvement Association Leaders, both ward and stake, and Priesthood leaders are invited to attend the meeting. Ward MIA leaders have been urged to facilitate the attendance of their members by arranging transportation for all who may need it.

Youth speakers at the meeting include Duane Rogers, Pleasant Hill ward; Rosann Linford, Concord ward; Carolyn Phillips, Walnut Creek. All are from Walnut Creek Stake. Leland H. Wright,Jr., of Oakland Fourth Ward will be the speaker from the Oakland-Berkeley stake. Stephen Baer, Berkeley First Ward, will sing a special solo.

Big Campaign

President McKay's message will keynote a special campaign of massive proportions designed to reach several hundred thousand of the young people of the Church, their friends and leaders and which will extend over a period of thirteen weeks. During this period and the subsequent weeks our young people will assemble in smaller fireside groups within their own wards.

In the ward fireside meetings there will be three groups to correspond with the MIA groupings - MIA Maids and Explorers, Ensigns and Laurels and M-Men and Gleaners Fireside messages will be heard from several of the General Authorities. The firesides on January 10, 17, and 24 will hear from Marion D. Hanks. Elder Howard W. Hunter will follow messages for the firesides of Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and 14 while on Feb. 21 and 28 and on March 6 will be addressed by Elder Spencer W. Kimball. The final three firesides of the series will receive messages from Elder Harold B. Lee. All messages will be received by radio or recordings.

Each fireside will be in charge of ward MIA officers and leaders. In most wards, discussions will follow the talks of the General Authorities with the discussion led by

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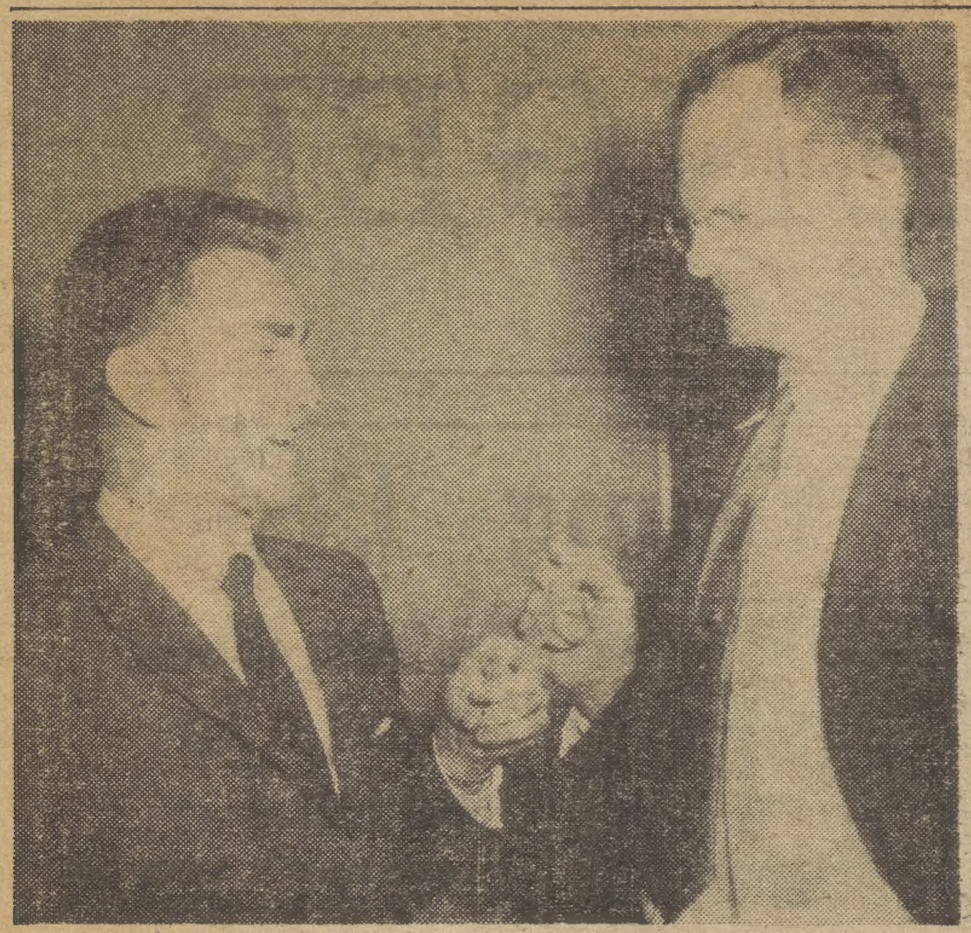

WILLING CUSTOMER — Rex Gardner, left, president of the Third Quorum of Elders, Berkeley Second Ward, sells ticket to his counselor, Vlay Tauffer, for the motion picture thriller, "Kayaks Down the Congo." It will be presented by the daring explorer, John M. Goddard, at East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.

Congo Movie To Be Shown Jan. 15, 16

A "strange world rarely seen by white men" will be unveiled at the East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16, at 8 p.m.

John M. Goodard, intrepid explorer now on the Brigham Young University faculty, will show his film, "Kayaks Down the Congo" on those two nights.

"This is one of the most thrilling movies to come out of the Dark Continent," commented Don Wood of Claremont Ward, chairman of the event. All wards of the three East Bay stakes are participating in the distribution of tickets and will share generously in the proceeds.

The full-color film will depict the experiences he and his companion, British explorer Jack Yowell, encountered in their amazing trip. Starting at the border of Northen Rhodesia, the men traveled 450 miles downstream and became the first men ever to explore the upper reaches of the Congo.

During the voyage they encountered 127 rapids, many of which are shown.

Goddard, born in Salt Lake City, grew up in Los Angeles and took part in several other exploration trips before embarking on his most perilous jouurney, which will be shown in the movie Jan. 15 and 16.

McElroy-Kelly Rites in Chapel

By Grace J. Kelly

Bay Ward Chapel was the site for the marriage of Grace Jeannine McElroy, grandaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McElroy of Brisbane, and Dale Glenn Kelly, son of Brother and Sister F. Glenn Kelly of Clearfield, Utah. Bishop D. Forrest Greene presided.

The bride wore a full-length nylon dress and carried white carnations. Her maid-of-honor, Sister Marcia McBride, wore a pink chiffon dress and carried pink carnations.

The bridegroom, his best man Eddie Krieger and ushers, LeRoy Kelly, Lawrence Bradburn and John Derrickson, wore white dinner jackets.

The bride was given away by her grandfather, Ernest Emmett McElroy. A reception followed and many appropriate gifts were received. Residence of the newlyweds is 645 Leavenworth, Apartment 510.

Los Altos Ward

Novel Features For R.S. Party

Clever ways to decorate, gifts that one can make, the story of the wassail bowl, carols and other music, a touching story about a large family and its Christmas problems - these elements plus gifts and a delicious luncheon combined to make the Christmas party of the Los Altos Ward Relief Society a highlight of the year's activities.

The program centered on the Christmas spirit in the home. But around the central theme were accounts of incidents - some humorous, some dramatic, and all of them entertaining - that added novelty and flavor, such as the reluctance of a temperamental angel to join in singing the first Christmas carols.

A small sleigh filled with gifts, brought by the members, provided an appropriate vehicle for their later distribution, so that everyone carried away a small present. Some 40 members and their guests enjoyed the program with Joyce Bohne in charge. Among the guests were several whom Relief Society president Thelma Whitecar had brought from a local rest home. Fern Evans conducted the program. One novel feature was the announcement of each number in song, by Marilyn Sharp. Other music, vocal and instrumental, was rendered by Venice Kratzer, Wilma Richardson, Maureen Malmberg, Nan Rains, and Marilyn Sharp. Entertaining and instructive talks were by June Wilson, Joyce Bohne, Dagna Wheatley, Jane Hall, and Leila Gates.

As accessories to the tasty luncheon that followed the program, candle light and beautiful Christmas centerpieces added a festive holiday touch.

Los Altos Ward

Trip to Hawaii For LDS Mother

By Dallas S. Burch

A Utah homestead, the mother of a large LDS family, a grateful married daughter, and a recent radio contest have provided the basis for a fully paid vacation for both mother and daughter in Hawaii. The mother is Mrs. Barbara Francis, a widow now living in Springville, Utah, and daughter is Maureen Malmberg, an active member of the Los Altos Ward and currently chorister of its Relief Society.

The succession of events, which savor of a modern fairy story, began many years ago when, as a young couple, Mrs. Francis and her husband filed on a homestead on a mountainside in western Utah. The called their homestead the "hill of Hope" for at that time their hopes greatly outnumbered their material possessions. The house had no running water or other modern conveniences.

To this courageous couple 11 children were born. Then tragedy struck, the father died of cancer. Yet Mrs. Francis carried on with devotion to her family. There were five boys all of whom she managed to send to BYU. Two of the boys also completed missions. She instilled in her family LDS principles, including helpfulness to one another. Such helpfulness sometimes assumed strange forms - for example when Maureen, who was an identical twin, occasionally substituted for her sister on dates.

In time the grown children scattered. The mother moved to Springville, Utah, and Maureen, with her husband Emil Malmberg, settled in Los Altos. Recently listening to the radio she heard the announcement of a contest featuring a trip to Hawaii as first prize for the best tribute to a mother. Interested, Maureen wrote a long heart-warming tribute describing her mother's life on the Hill of Hope homestead and the fulfillment of some of those hopes.

Story Too Long

To obtain the address to which to send her entry she listened the next day, only to learn that her tribute must not exceed 25 words. Though dismayed by this limitation she followed the rules but added a note declaring that her appreciation of her mother could not be told that briefly - and then poured out her tribute at length

The next episode in this life drama followed quickly. The NBC studio in San Francisco called Maureen to participate in a radio broadcast relating to the contest. When the program director learned that the eulogized mother still lives in Utah, he inquired whether she was a Mormon. On receiving an affirmative reply, he too added words of appreciation for her faith and works.

A tape recording for future use proved to be part of the interview. And Maureen next learned that she had won the fully paid trip to Hawaii for herself and mother, plus liberal expense money that will enable her husband, Emil, also an active Los Altos Ward member, to make it a happy threesome.

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Walnut Creek Ward

Over 350 Enjoy Bazaar Meal, Scouts Sell Christmas Trees

By Lois H. Butler

The Walnut Creek Ward Relief Society Bazaar was a success socially as well as financially. Ample money was raised to carry out the yearly Relief Society program from the sale of sewing, home bakery goods, and fish pond. A delicious meal was served to over 350 people. Many worked to make this a pleasant and profitable evening. At the December 15th Relief Society meeting Mrs. Wald demonstrated Christmas decorations and Mable Jensen, candle making. That is the last meeting until January. After the meeting refreshments were served.

The MIA enjoyed a Christmas program "The Miracle of Zarahelma," Dec. 8th. Maxine Pickett was the reader with Doris Reed, organist, LaVon Pardini, music director, and six members of the ward choir helping with special music. The Mutual Christmas party was held on the fifteenth with dancing, mixers, decorations, including a big Christmas tree. Doughnuts and cocoa were served. The activity committee made up of class representatives helped plan the evening. The ward speech contest was held with Allen Buskirk and Ronnie Green giving excellent speeches. Ronnie will represent the ward in the stake speech festival to be held on the evening session of stake conference.

The Boy Scouts did very well with their Christmas tree lot by working hard to make it a success. Scouts and their fathers took turns sleeping at the lot. The Explorers will spend the month of January studying stage technique under the direction of their leaders with superintendent Chesworth, as advisor. Four explorers have been developing a combo and have played several times at Mutual, as well as once at the Stake Saturday Night Dance. Ronnie Green plays piano; Stuart Clark, trumpet; Bruce Muir, saxaphone; and Trevor Mottishaw, the drums.

The Walnut Creek Ward Laurel class ushered at the morning performance of the Tchaikovsky Nutcracker Suite Ballet. Arnell Clark is Laurel teacher with the following girls in the class: Diane Skidmore, Judy Mortenson, Priscilla Reed, Anita Bledsoe, Penny Cherrington, Thelma Harris, Carolyn Jones, Patricia Lee, and Linda Hamilton. The Laurels also had a Holiday Party at Arnell Clark's on Dec. 28th.

The Special Interest class has been having interesting classes on Art Appreciation led by Ginny Uffins. The class members hope more will join the class soon so they can have the two adult classes called for this year. One would be the Mutual Marrieds, the mature aged group who would take up cultural subjects and the second group would be the Young Marrieds whose subject would be family problems. Going to Mutual with your young people can be a fine bond between parent and children.

Coming and Going

The ward will suffer a loss when Taylor and Patricia Abegg and their seven children move to Albequerque, New Mexico, the last week of January. A new home is being built there for them. Their seventh child Mary Margerie was born Dec. 5. Taylor is a member of the High Council and Pat has been stake MIA activity counselor. The following families have moved into the ward and we extend a warm welcome to them: Trevor Jack Anderson, Elverna Mary McDougal, Ruth and Wallace M. Scott Jr., Joseph Richard Newquist, Ray Leon and Lee May Pearson and their three small daughters. Ray is the new M-Men Leader. David Peter and Carole Comini, E. Wayne and Beverly Russon with three small sons, and John Henry Buchanan, who is moving back into the ward from Fresno.

The Elders and their wives had a Christmas party at the Max Beck's Dec. 18. They enjoyed games, carols, and exchange of "white elephants." The Primary children and their parents spent a happy evening Dec. 23, at the Christmas party. The children put on an original play written in verse and song by Vera Larson. Santa Claus came with treats.

The Junior Sunday School presented "A Christmas Cantata For the Young" to the adult Sunday School. Marcia Jensen is chorister and Penny Cherrington the organist.

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GRADUATING CLASS of San Mateo Stake's Senior Aaronic school hears Stake President William L. Stoker (with pointer, at chart) give final lesson of the course.

San Mateo Stake

President Stoker Addresses Senior Aaronic Graduation

By S. W. Taylor

Another course of study was completed for the Senior Aaronic school in San Mateo stake last month, with president William L. Stoker delivering the final lesson and presenting diplomas to the graduating class.

President Stoker's lesson was on the plan of salvation, from our existence through the life on this earth ,to the millennium, and, after the final of four judgements, to the ultimate degree of glory that has been earned. His talk, based upon the work of President Joseph Fielding Smith of the Twelve, "Doctrines of Salvation," gave the graduating class a grasp of basic Mormon thelogy.

Other lessons of the school were as follows.

1. "Who Am I," presented by Burton Howard. Objective, to show that we are the children of God and are here with a divine purpose.

2. "The Need of a Religion," Bishop Joel Leetham. An understanding of the gospel is essential to live an abundant life .

3. "The Godhead," by Ray Christensen. Purpose of the lesson is to bring understanding of the true nature of the Godhead.

4. "What of Joseph Smith?" by Paul Fife. Presentation of the Prophet as a man among men and a Prophet of God.

5. "The Restoration of the Church of God," by Don Dyal. Objective: To show the need for a restoration and that the gospel was restored through Joseph Smith.

6. "The Book of Mormon," presented by Arlene Multon. The book of Mormon and the Bible as companion scriptures, visit of the Angel Moroni, testimony of witnesses, historical accuracy of the Book of Mormon.

7. "Church Ordinances," by George J. Angerbauer. Priesthood, baptism, gifts of the Holy Ghost - prophecy, revelation, healings - patriarchal blessings, apostleship.

8. "Salvation an Individual Responsibility," by Clifford Warner. Free agency; knowledge of the gospel the key to progression; salvation is based upon our development in this life.

9. "Church Economics," by Gordon Low. Objective: to show that happiness results from living the gospel as presented by the Church. Need of law of health; the Welfare Plan; Church instructions on thrift; tithing; place of the Church in the economic and spiritual life of the community.

10 "Faith and Repentance," by Theda Farnsworth. The nature of faith and its development. Repentance results from self analysis, tolerance, and desire for improvement. Both build the character and are essential to salvation.

Rodeo Ward

Special Thrill at Temple, Going Through With Choir

By Emily Lidtka

Those members from Rodeo Ward who recently went to the Los Angeles Temple tell of the thrill of going through with the Tabernacle Choir. It made the trip extra special. Seeing so many dressed in their choir clothes serenely walking through the foyers was very impressive. There were 17 members from the ward who did 47 endowments, filling our quota.

The Primary is still plugging away on the building fund with their cup cake sale. They have been selling Christmas cards, too.

The Roy Echols was the scene of a big family gathering this month. His brothers, Charles Clouse and wife, Mary, of Mesa, Ariz. and W. O. Clouse and wife, Edith, of Viden, New Mexico, are ardent L.D.S. members. Both brothers are on their stake high councils and their wives are both stake Relief Society presidents. Roy's Sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Gale of Grass Valley have just returned from the South Seas where Brother Gale spent 3 years in the Mission field, 2½ years in Tonga and 6 months in Samoa.

On leave from the Service and visiting in the Ward are Jack Bingham and Jim Becker.

Lt. Jon Fitt is being sent overseas for 13 months. His wife, Doris, and two young sons will reside in Rodeo until Jon returns.

Brother and Sister Leo Stewart of Milpitas were welcome visitors in the Ward recently. Brother Stewart was Ward Clerk when our ward was first organized.

Members Baptized

Those baptised and confirmed this month were Jerry Pohlman, Janet Reese, Maureen Downey and Dennis Downey.

At the Christmas Party of the Relief Society, Stake President Geniveve James was our special guest. She told a most beautiful Christmas story. June Beraz, Melba Lenzi and Jessie Bradeson, the committee, planned the program and served refreshments reminiscent of the holiday season. Margaret Clark sang two solos.

The Joseph Millers will soon be moving to Las Vegas.

Brother Ove Parker Overson was fatally injured in a fall from a scaffolding while at work as a cement finisher on a Lake Tahoe construction project. He passed away in Reno Hospital where he was rushed following the accident.

Ove was born 51 years ago in St. John, Arizona but has made his home in the Bay area for the past 8 years. He was Scoutmaster of Rodeo Ward Troop 140.

His wife, Florence, is left to guide their two children, Beverly Ann and William Parker. His two brothers, Claude and Alonzo Overson, reside in Idaho Falls.

Funeral service was held in Wilson and Kratzer San Pablo Chapel with Bishop Dene Ogden directing, on Dec. 19.

Samuel Rudd

Funeral services were held on Dec. 2, 1959 for Brother Samuel Le Roy Rudd who passed away Nov. 30 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Ione; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clarke; 5 sons, Le Roy, Donald, Joe, Jimmy, Danny; 3 sisters, Erma LeDuc, Mazie Brewington, and Rose Skellinger; 4 brothers, William, Clarence, Jimmy and Earl; and 10 grandchildren.

Bishop Dene Ogden conducted the Services.

Babies blessed this month were Edward Lewis Oborn, Son of Brother and Sister Lewis Oborn and Kathleen Marie Stevens, daughter of the William Stevenses.

Los Altos Ward

Seminary Class Praises Program

The value of LDS seminary instruction as a systematic means of teaching the Gospel received high commendation in the testimonies of several seminary students in the Los Altos Ward during the December testimony meeting. One young lady, after acknowledging the helpfulness of the class teacher, Bert Smith, told how the seminary enabled her to discuss the scriptures effectively with her youthful associates.

Another student testified to the inspiration the seminary provided early in the morning for the daily activities that followed. Still another pointed out how the type of instruction supplements and clarifies religious teachings received at Sunday School and from other sources.

The seminary teacher ,Bert Smith, who a few years ago completed a mission in Mexico, then commended his students for their grasp of the lessons, regularity of attendance, and serious effort to live the Gospel. He also thanked the parents of the students for their helpfulness in these respects, including transportation early in the morning so that instruction may begin shortly before 7 o'clock.

Subsequent inquiry disclosed that as concrete evidence of living the Gospel the class planned to "give a Christmas" to a needy family. This was in the form of clothing, toys, and other gifts to five fatherless children and the mother, whose Christmas would otherwise be cheerless. With 41 students enrolled in the Los Altos seminary class, it is one of the largest in the Bay area.

LaVon Eyring's Mother Prints Folksy Verses

The talented mother of Mrs. LaVon Eyring, Berkeley First Ward, Mrs. Fanny Gudmundson of Idaho, who is so well and favorably known in the Berkeley area, has now submitted to the many requests for copies of her homey verses, and has published them in a small book, "Moods and Memories" (Garff and Williams, Salt Lake City, Publishers, $1.95).

The charm of her writings awakens old memories which for each of us reflects the joys and sorrows of common living to which all the world is akin, and emphasizes the happiness found along life's pathway.

Even at age 15 at Rick's Academy, Idaho, Fanny Gudmundson acquired the sobriquet, "Class Poet"; yet it was not until after the birth of her sixth child that she began to preserve in verse the precious memories of the sage brush days on an Idaho farm.

A keen sense of humor, and a love of the homely, joyous days of youth pervade all her writings. To read them or to hear her read them is to chuckle over old memories, and share joys and sorrows of our common living.

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Livermore Ward

Bishop Behling New Leader Of Livermore Ward Bishopric

By Virginia Badger

Bishop Glen J. Behling is the new bishop of Livermore Ward. He replaces Bishop Andrew Gardner who is now an alternate member of the stake high council. Bishop Behling, his wife Beverly and six children are from Pasco, Washington, where he was first counselor in the Richland Stake Presidency for eight years.

First counselor in the new bishopric is Max Parker, second counselor David Cummings, and clerks, Robert Allen, Clarence Badger and Robert Hunt.

Christmas Parties

A family Christmas party was enjoyed by 200 people, Dec. 22 at Junction Ave. School. YWMIA President R. Lou Allen was general chairman. The Primary brought Santa Claus and gifts for the children. The elders decorated the hall and tree. The Sunday School was in charge of publicity. The Relief Society provided refreshments. Games, dancing and a program under the direction of Gale Holladay were enjoyed.

The Relief Society Christmas Party, organized by its officers and teachers, was held Dec. 18. Christmas caroling started the festivities. Later 75 persons including many husbands, gathered at the home of Sister Gwen Webb in Pleasanton where games were played and a buffet dinner was served. The program under the chairmanship of Pat Holladay was in two parts. The first section, in a light vein, included Earlene Clement singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town; Lucinda Reeves playing a Christmas Piano Medley, and a sextet of Doris Shaw, Louann Finch, Cleone Parker, Lucinda Reeves, Norma Franks, and R. Lou Allen singing "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The second section, in a serious mood, started with the following narrations by Lorraine Simons, Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:1-12. Doris Shaw sang "Angels We Have Heard on High," Sue Hickenlooper played "Gesu Bambino" on her violin, a trio of Bob Allen, Larry McGrew and Monte Hickenlooper sang "We Three Kings," end everyone joined in "Joy to the World."

The MIA Christmas party held Dec. 15 in the Webb's barn in Pleasanton was called "Snow Frolic." Pat Ihrig and Larry McGrew were co-chairmen. The 50 people enjoyed games and dancing under the direction of Marilyn McGrew. Barbara Conway, Allon Owen and a group of young people decorated the barn and christmas tree. Winifred Wilson and Evelyn Foster were in charge of hot chocolate and fruit rolls. Lynette Murray and Jim Davis did publicity. Clementina Ranney and Bill Conway cleaned up. R. Lou Allen and Gale Holladay were in charge of transportation.

The Primary Christmas party was held December 16th at the Recreation Center in Livermore. Cookies and punch were served. The program included a Christmas story by Faye Cahoon, an electric guitar solo by Margaret Murphy, and a dance by Debbie Hickenlooper and Lori Parker.

Shower

Sylvia Wardell was honored with a baby shower at the home of Myrtle Gardner Dec. 10. Others helping with the party included Sue Hickenlooper, Cleone Parker, Martha Owen and Virginia Badger. Game prizes were won by Pat Stowell, Louann Finch, Gwenn Webb, and Gertrude Nelson. Sylvia received many gifts for her baby, Neil William.

Bazaar Held

The Relief Society Bazaar and carnival held November 21st at Eagles Hall was a big success in fun and moneymaking. The Relief Society made $315 and $140 was made for the building fund. Under the general chairmanship of Jane Davis, all the organizations had a booth. Dinner included turkey pies made by Leona Webb. The Relief Society booths included parcel post packages purchased unopened for $1, a bakery booth, and the following hand sewn items: childrens dresses, baby clothes, toys, linens and quiet books. The MIA sold ice cream cones and nail driving fun. The Genealogy Committee sold homemade candy. The Scouts had a golf putt. The Sunday School had a fishing pond, bean bag throws, and a bowl and ball game. The Primary sold handmade hats and popcorn. The Explorers sold soft drinks and offered a game of tic tac toe. The elders had target practice.

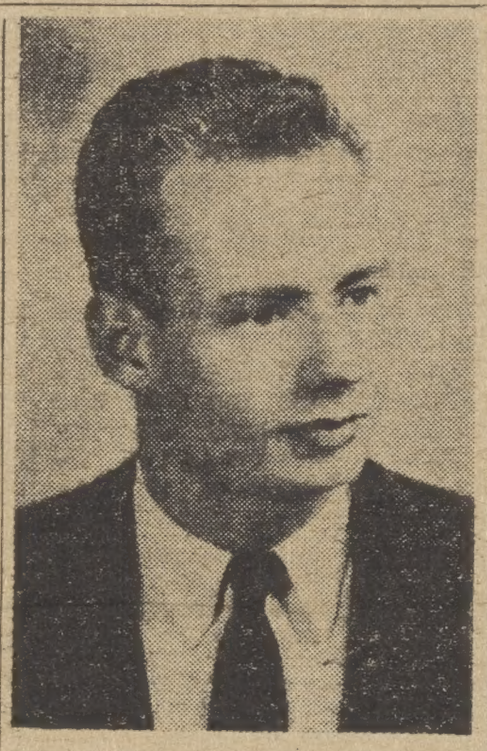
Balboa Ward

Derrel Smith Is Laboring In Tennessee

By Rulon S. Scoville

Elder Derrel Smith, whose Missionary Farewell was held in the Balboa Ward on Sunday, Nov. 8. reports that he arrived safely at the Central States Mission Home in Tonisville, Kentucky, just before Thanksgiving Day last month.

President Richards has assigned Elder Smith to labor in Millington, Tennessee, which is about 20 miles from Memphis. His missionary companion is Elder Stokes who is from Idaho. Elder Smith reports that he enjoyed his orientation period in the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he received edification and inspiration from prominent Church Leaders "such as Cleone Skousen, Mayor, Earl J. Glade, President Henry D. Moyle, Tazrardo Richards and many-many others."



Derrel Smith . . "memorize the Fourth section."

Why not write to a missionary each month? Elder Smith's address is: Elder Derrel James Smith, 7727 National, Millington, Tennessee.

In a recent letter from Elder Smith he suggests that all persons should read and memorize the Fourth Section of the Doctrine and Covenants. This short passage of Scripture might well become a suitable prolouge to each personal New Year's Resolution for 1960.

Los Altos Ward

New Activity In Genealogy

"Were it not for your ancestors you woudn't be here." With thought-provoking statements of this kind, G. Marion Gates, teacher of the Los Altos Ward's adult genealogy class, has inspired its members to increased activity in this field. With upwards of 35 members in regular attendance, the class has set its sights for several goals during 1960.

One is to impress the ward's entire membership with the importance of genealogical work and participation in it. Another goal is activity by all class members in developing Books of Remembrance, comprising life stories, pedigree charts, family group sheets , and related records, including assistance to members in their homes, in answering questions- and instructing on points of procedure. Still another objective, receiving emphasis, is inducing members to qualify for temple recommends, so as to make possible the necessary temple work in this field.

In addition to the teachers, several members of the class, with extensive genealogical experience, are participating as officers in carrying out the program. They include: Richard Grant, member of the Palo Alto Stake Genealogical Committee and president of the class; Charles Hill chairman of the Ward's committee on Genealogy; and Glade Jorgensen, his assistant. Glade's wife, Alice who is also expert in this field, teaches a large junior genealogy class. Sister Fern Evans is secretary of the adult genealogy class. In addition, others experienced in this work, are to be available for practical teaching, usually on a family basis.

A point that sponsors of the program stress is the need to overcome inertia and postponement in the development of Memory Books. In answer to the frequent plea that current requirements of family living leave little time for genealogical research, they point out that the best time for obtaining the necessary data is while parents, grandparents, and other relatives are still living. Postponement in gathering names, dates, and other pertinent information may result in their permanent loss. So at least essential data required for genealogical records need to be gathered while still available.

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Katsuko ("Kitty") Kurokawa (right) and some of her friends singing the Messiah chorus at Palo Alto Stake. During the program Katsuko sang Christmas carols in Japanese. Other girls are, from left, Marsha Cross, Mary Lee Horsley, and Kathy Baker.

Palo Alto Stake

Christmas Carols in Japanese Top Off P.A. Stake "Messiah"

By Gay Taylor

Christmas carols in Japanese sung by sweet-voiced Katsuko Kurokawa proved to be a relaxing ending to an exciting evening of listening to the Messiah sung by an eighty voice choir of the Palo Alto Stake and accompanied by an orchestra of nine strings, plus a piano and organ. The event was held Sunday evening, December 6 at the Palo Alto Chapel.

Coming from a Buddhist family, Kitty, as her American family - the Ross Miners of Sunnyvale - call her, hasn't made up her mind about Christianity in general and Mormons in particular, but she is attending seminary, Mutual, and Sunday School with the Miner girls and she greatly enjoyed her experience of singing with the choir in the Messiah. She is in this country as an American Field Service Committee exchange student, finishing her senior year in high school.

She likes many things about this country but is having to change some of her preconceived ideas. For one thing it surprised her to find that Americans do common labor; she thought everyone was too rich for that. For another thing she finds the sense of humor different: people here laugh at the wrong time.

In Japan, Kitty attended a missionary school, the Kobe College, where she learned to sing the carols.

Other people appearing in the Palo Alto Stake presentation of the Messiah were soloists Richard Raile, bass; James Martin, Sterling Astin, tenors; Joane Conde Stewert, Betsy Van Wagoner Allen, Annette Hansen, sopranos; Carol Anderson, contralto. Director of the musical event was Betty McClellan, formerly of Baltimore, Maryland. Gail Petty was organist and Dorothy Brown, pianist.

San Mateo Stake

M-Men, Gleaners Have Classes

The problem of what to do about tiny M-Men and Gleaner classes at Mutual has been successfully solved in San Mateo stake.

The problem is a real one, particularly in California, where so many young people go back to the BYU. It was not unusual for a ward to have a class for M-Men and Gleaners of two or three members. One ward might have three girls, another ward two boys. And that's no way for young people to get acquainted.

The answer, to Bob Gamblin of San Carlos ward, seemed obvious--hold the class on a stake rather than a ward basis. This would make several tiny groups into one big one, young people would get to know each other, and, as the news spread, the class would grow and grow.

After three months, that's how it has worked out. But it took some doing. There is an established way of doing things, and permission had to be obtained all the way back to the authorities in Salt Lake City.

The class, which began in October, meets each Wednesday at the stake center in San Mateo. Attendance runs between 25 and 45, and as many as 60 have showed up for a fireside.

Holiday activities included two inter-stake dances, caroling, and a Christmas party for young people home from the BYU. Coming up, January 23, is a dance at Burlingame ward, when the group will play host to Oakland-Berkeley stake. The big week of activities will be in March, during M-Men and Gleaner Week, when there will be ice skating, bowling, a work project, entertainment, and a dance with live orchestra.

Bob Gamblin is M-Men leader of the group, Eunice Prescott Gleaner leader. Their goal by the end of the fiscal year in June is to have a class of 100.

This, however, brings up another problem. The more successful such a class is, the more certain will its ranks be riddled by matrimony. Already two members of the class have announced wedding plans. Several boys and girls who met in the class are dating.

However, Bob Gamblin and Eunice Prescott seem unperturbed over this threat to the membership.

"Marriage," they state, "is a prime purpose of such a group." Oh.

Menlo Park Ward

Kent Bringhurst Returns to Ward

By Nelle Hughes

Kent Bringhurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bringhurst, who has been serving in the Central Atlantice States Mission, was released in November. He gave an outstanding report of his mission in Menlo Park Ward Sacrament meeting on November 16.

After spending Christmas and New Years with his family he will attend the Brigham Young Univerquarter. Kent's sister Rae Ann is a sity, commencing with the winter B Y U student.

The Menlo Park Relief Society ladies had a very pleasant evening Dec. 14. Bernice Nielson of Redwood City gave a demonstration on Christmas decorations, wreath-making using pine cones, nuts and candy and on gift wrapping.

There was also a "Gift Shop Sale." Under the direction of the Relief Society work director, Clair Dickson, the ladies have made many pretty articles which were displayed and sold for gifts. Refreshments were served and the President, Ann Lund, reported a very successful and pleasant evening.

Twenty Boy Scouts and Explorers of the Menlo Park Ward received their National Safety award on use of fire arms after passing a written examination and a test on the rifle range at the Stanford University. The boys leaders are: Harry Barker, Scout Master, Dotchell E. Rosecrans, Assistant Scout Master, Norman Pincock, Guide Leader, Warren Madsen, Explorer Leader, and Ted Sealand, Scout District Commissioner and Executive Officer of the Rifle Club.

An enjoyable evening and a delicious buffet dinner was held in the Menlo Park Ward chapel. The honored guests were the retiring Young Mens and Young Women's Presidents, Allan D. and Edyth Mackay, who have been called to fullfill a stake mission, Ronald C. Barlow, Activity Counselor and LuRae Barlow, Secretary of the YWMIA. They were replaced by Helen Blood, President, Glen Orton, Superintendent. Richard Flint, Activity Counselor and Coleen Smith, Secretary.

Redwood City Ward

Season Crowded With Parties

To start the glamour season right, Redwood City Ward has broken out with a rash of parties - parties for all sizes, shapes and ages. The calendar has been crowded.

Fri, Dec. 12. The house tour in which everyone participated was enjoyed by all, but the ladies were especially entranced and 97½ per cent of them were seen making quick sketches so they could hurry home and duplicate the beautiful displays.

Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Primary entertained 180 children at a Christmas party. The children played games in their own rooms for half the period and then assembled for carols and for meeting Santa Claus, who handed out candy and an orange to each child.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, A. M. The Relief Society board gave a brunch for about forty members. Betty Joe Atkins and Ethel Enger were in charge of food, Melba Alsop and Anna Beth Brown were responisble for the gay decorations, and Rose Marshall arranged the program - songs by Marcille Sorensen and a Christmas reading by Lydia Durin.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, P.M. The Relief Society had everything cleaned up and whisked away in time for the Mutual to assemble in the evening for their Christmas party. Carols for shut-ins took most of the evening, which ended with games and hot cocoa.

Friday, Dec. 18. Redwood City ward was host for the M. I. A. stake Christmas dance.

Thursday, Dec. 31. Redwood City ward was host for the M. I. A. stake New Year's dance, which featured breakfast at midnight.

The Mutual Improvement Association held their Christmas party December 15, 1959. Elsie Ramsden gave a Christmas story in her delightful and pleasing manner. The "Miracle of Zarahemla," a story of the first Christmas on the American Continent was told in story and song. All went Christmas Carolling and returned to the chapel for refreshments.

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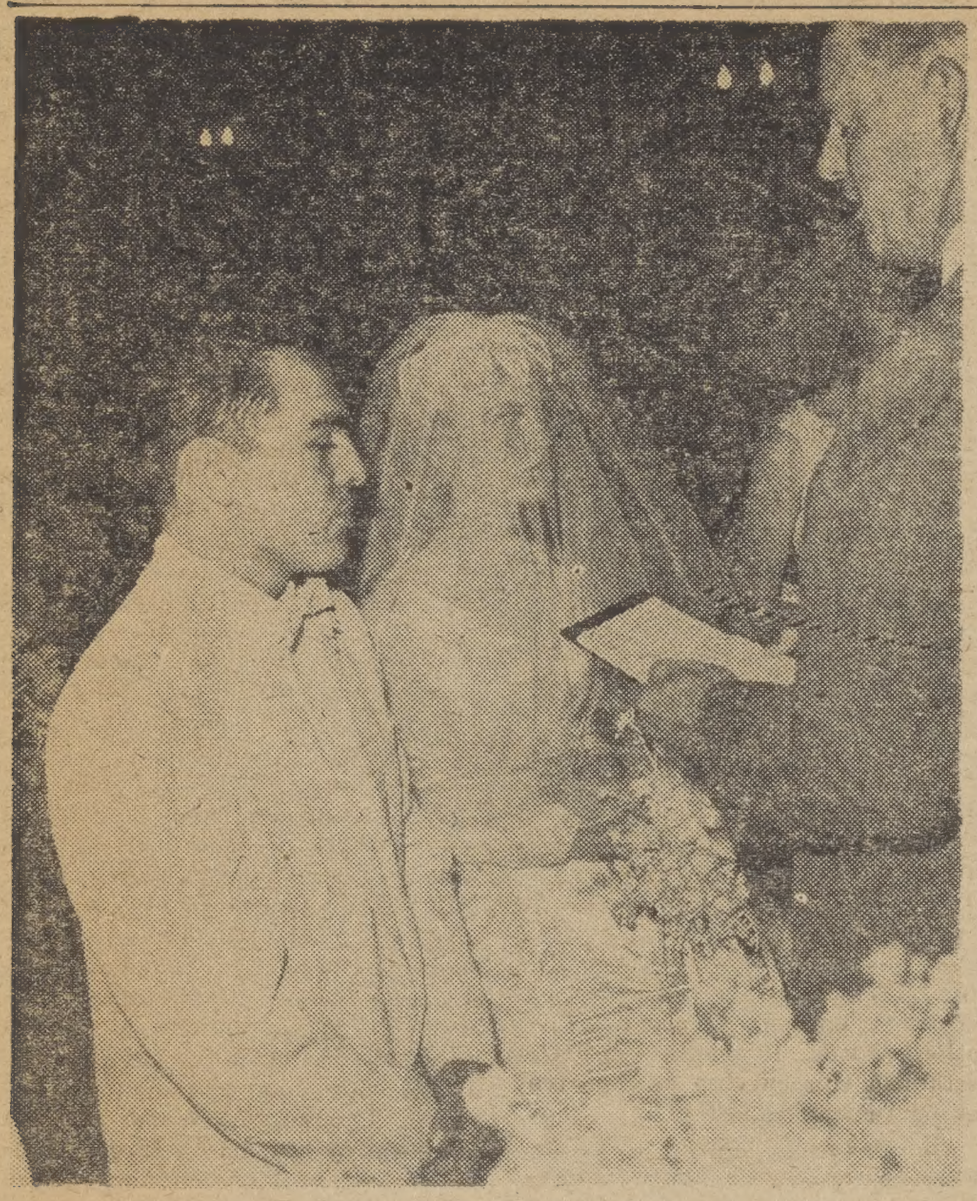

THE MARRIAGE of Richard Cortez and Karen Jean Hoover was solemnized by Wilford T. Webb.

Hoover-Cortez Rites Held

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cortez are residing in Pleasanton following their marriage Nov. 28 at the Presbyterian church in Pleasanton. The nuptials were performed by Elder Wilford T. Webb, Senior member of the Hayward stake high council.

Mrs. Cortez, the former Karen Jean Hoover of Livermore ward, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Hoover of Pleasanton. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Cortez of Pleasanton. Both are graduates of Amador High School in Pleasanton.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin and lace gown with long sleeves and a high neck. Her finger tip veil was held by a satin cap with tear drop pearls.

The maid of honor was Sandra Hoover, sister of the bride, and the bridesmaids included Glenna Christensen from Seattle, Washington, Gwyn Douglas, Anne Taylor and Mrs. Gordon Burnham. Their dresses were of pink brocade satin.

Mrs. Loraine Hoover, mother of the bride, wore a pink satin dress and Mrs. Cortez, mother of the bridegroom wore a dress of blue crepe.

Bob Jones acted as best man; Allen Simpson, Ralph Andrade, Bert Fullerton and Tom Plato were the attendants; and Tom Fisher and Leonard Mederous were ushers.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds Cafeteria.

After a weeks honeymoon at Las Vegas, Reno and Palm Springs, the pair returned to Pleasanton and Richard to his job as printer at the International Paper Company in San Jose. Mrs. Cortez plans to continue her church job as Junior Sunday School Secretary and Mr. Cortez is a recent Convert.

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San Francisco Ward

Libbie Sabey Sturdy Pioneer

By Echo May

The women of the Church are not forgotten. Dainty little Libbie Rich Sabey, of San Francisco Ward, born Nov. 27, 1875 - 84 years ago - keeps herself so charming one can hardly imagine the terrific things she has undergone during life's travels.

Her grandfather was that Charles C. Rich whose life is portrayed by John Henry Evans; her parents, Charles C. Rich Jr. and Jane Susan Stock. Her life began on a farm near Montpelier, Idaho, but since then she has been places and seen things.

At 8 she was taken with her family to Vernal, Utah, where she obtained her schooling. James Sabey was working on his brother Tom Sabey's farm. Libbie met him and at 18 became his bride.

To Colorado

Later, with her husband and two children, she went to Colorado and for twelve years was resident of that state. One time while at Marvine Lodge, "Teddy" Roosevelt, then vice president, came to hunt lions. James Sabey was his guide. During the hunt "Teddy" tore his pants in a fall. Sister Sabey proudly says "With these hands I mended the President's pants."

Mr. Goff who handled the hounds, brought his wife and young son to the Lodge. His wife was the first white woman the Sabeys had seen in 9 months. Also the little boy came down with measles and the Sabey children promptly had measles. Jay, the eldest boy, was left with a heart ailment from which he later died.

The family returned to Vernal, Utah, sold their home there and went to pioneer in the Ute Indian Reservation thrown open to white settlers by the president in whose honor the town of Rooseveit was named.

Few people living in this push-button age can realize the hardships endured on the alkali flats. A daughter Audrey died, leaving a small grandson to her mother's love, Jay Var Schwenke In August 1931, James Sabey passed away. Libbie came to San Francisco with her daughter Thora and Jay Var. She was a professional cook in boarding houses, and succeeded in putting her grandson through university. He majored in languages, graduating during World War II, and was commissioned immediately to intelligence service. With 11 other officers he was sent in an unescorted vessel to the European theater of war, but they never reached that destination. The ship was sunk by a German submarine on the Irish coast.

Two Surviving

Only two of her five children are now living, Thora Hendricks of San Francisco and Arvin Sabey of Seaside, Oregon.

About June 22nd of 1951, Sister Sabey got to go to the Mesa Temple in Arizona where she did her endowment and sealing work, completing what she had so long desired to do. Libby Rich Sabey is truly a pioneering mother of Zion, eager to be of service, a little bit here and a little bit there. Her ready smile is a joy to see.

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The work, requiring about 10 minutes, was performed by a chorus of 700 voices accompanied by the BYU Symphony Orchestra, led by Prof. Lawrence Sardoni.

Elder Cannon, born in Salt Lake City July 23, 1879, is a son of Caroline Young, daughter of Brigham Young, and George Cannon.

Text of his work was selected from a prayer and its answer as recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 121. The Mormons were suffering severe persecution in Missouri. They had been driven from county to county by mobs who seized their property and threw their prophet, Joseph Smith, and other Church leaders, into prison.

The prophet cried unto the Lord for relief. The Lord answered, speaking peace to his soul and promised that if he endured his afflictions well, God would exault him.

Elder Cannon served as organist of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir 21 years and was featured with the Tabernacle Choir in its broadcasts, started during this time. He has held many other responsible Church positions, including that of executive chairman of the Church music committee. Hymns, anthems and art songs are among his compositions.

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LUCKY FELLOW — Ten girls write a "long" letter to a missionary in the field, while three men pack cans of cookies for him. Activity is a work project of the San Mateo Stake M-Men and Gleaner class. And missionary morale, it is reported, was never higher.

Centerville Ward

Amid Party Fun Scouts Net $150

By Gladys M. Clayson

December has been a very busy month as far as Centerville Ward Christmas parties go. Saturday evening, Dec. 12, was the night of the Primary officers and teachers party. The party was held at the home of Francis and Rose Winkel and was said to be a great success and had a good turnout. There were clever decorations done by June Morse and Lillian Psuik. During the evening a skit was put on by some of the Primary staff and husbands and a buffet supper of ham and various salads was served.

The Centerville Ward Relief Society had its Christmas party on Dec. 15. This was a real fun affair and the ladies enjoyed themselves throughly. There was a program, Christmas carols, a delightful luncheon and an exchange of gifts. On the same date, the Ward MIA Christmas party was held. There was carol singing, dancing and refreshments.

Last but not least was the Ward Christmas party Dec. 22 sponsored by the Primary. There was candy for the children, and a program after which Santa Claus appeared, much to the delight of the toddlers and grammar school set.

The Boy Scouts and Explorers of the ward sold Christmas trees as a money-making project. They made about $150, and they plan to buy camping equipment and other gear with the profit.

The Centerville Ward Relief Society Sunday evening program was held Dec. 13. It was an inspiring evening led by the officers and teachers of the Ward Relief Society.

Going back to pick up some unprinted news . . . . On Nov. 15, the High Priests had a social at which Clyde Lindsey and his wife told their life stories. Sister Lindsey showed some photographs of different events during her life. Also in November was the Ward MIA Speech contest. Elaine Miller was the winner, and although she did not garner the Stake laurels, she did a fine job representing the Ward. The annual Ward Welfare Dinner, Nov. 20, had a large attendance, but still not enough money was made to cover the Ward welfare budget.

We have some more new members in our ward, among them are Neil and Raelien McCarthy and daughter, Kent and Wendy McCarty and son, Keith and Marilyn Bohannon and daughter and Ira and Shirlee Call and their two daughters.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

Important new evidence for the Book of Mormon has been reported by the University Archaeological Society, which has its headquarters at Brigham Young University. This has come from the decipherment of two hieroglyphs found on the ancient Tree of Life monument discovered at Izapa in Central America. Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, professor of archaeology at BYU, briefly describes this monument and part of the results of the glyph decipherment as follows:

"The carving on this monument presents the most unusual scene ever encountered in ancient American art. Six persons are shown seated around and apparently discussing a fruit-bearing tree, indicated by various symbols to be the Tree of Life. They wear turbans or other oriental-type headdresses. The principal one among them is an old bearded (i.e. white) man, indicated to be a great priest or prophet; while another of the six is a large young man who holds a stylus in his hand, with which he seems to be recording—on a plate or tablet seen resting on the ground before him — what the old bearded man is saying about the tree. Also depicted are Near Eastern-like cherubim guarding the tree, a river of water coming by it, and many other things not previously seen in ancient American representations of the Tree of Life.

"Here, in fact, we have what appears to be no less than an ancient portrayal in stone of the very episode of the Tree of Life found recorded in the Book of Mormon, 1 Ne. 8: the ancient Hebrew prophet Lehi narrating his vision of the Tree of Life to his family gathered around—six named persons including Lehi—his words being recorded on a plate by one of his sons, a large young man named Nephi, and one of the features of the vision itself being a river of water coming by the tree!

"In 1958 an expedition of the archaeology department of Brigham Young University to Central America obtained a latex mold of this remarkable carving. Careful study of the mold, in comparison with the monument itself and an excellent photograph of the latter obtained by an expedition of the Smithsonian Institution in 1941, verified the existence also in the sculpture of **hieroglyphs** above two of the six persons seated around the tree, **recording their names**. This important discovery, of course opened the possibility of a definite decision as to whether these six persons are, in fact, to be identified with the six persons of the Tree of Life episode of the Book of Mormon.

"These two 'name-glyphs' have now been deciphered. One of them, carved above the figure of the old bearded man (i.e. the figure corresponding to the prophet Lehi of the Book of Mormon)), has been found to be an illustration of the meaning of none other than the Hebrew name 'Lehhee.' That is, it is an indirect or symbolic record-name of the same meaning—as the name of this person. Now Hebrew Lehhee is transliterated in the English Old Testament as **Lehi.** (the **i** representing English long **e** as in the Romance languages, though this name is now pronounced by English-speaking peoples as 'Leehy'). Here, then, is an exact name-agreement with the Book of Mormon episode, which—in view of the correspondence already noted between this person so named and Lehi of the Book of Mormon —cannot easily be explained away as accidental.

"A final test of the Book of Mormon identity of the six persons depicted in the Izapa carving is provided by the meaning of the second name-glyph, which is found above the figure of the large young man holding the stylus (i.e. the figure corresponding to Nephi of the Book of Mormon)) That is. if this glyph should prove decipherable as a symbol recording the name Nephi, there can be no possiblity left that the resemblance between the Izapa scene and the Book of Mormon episode is accidental. In other words, it would definitely establish this carving as a portrayal of that episode."

Dr. Jakeman does not give us here the decipherment of this second name-glyph. This will be found, however, in a new publication of the University Archaeological Society, which gives a complete interpretation of the Izapa sculpture including the details of decipherment of both name-glyphs, as well as photographic and drawing reproductions of the Tree of Life scene and the hieroglyphs. (See notice, "The Lehi Tree-of-Life Stone," elsewhere in this issue.)

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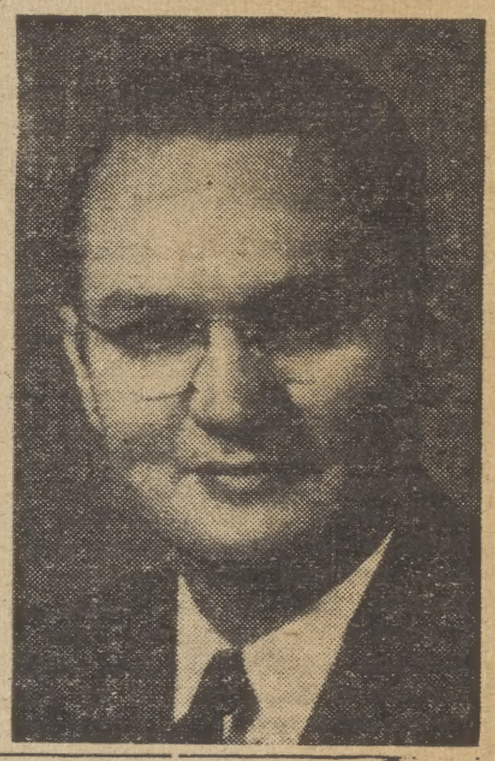

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Balboa Second Ward

Bishop Urges Ward Members To Value, Honor Positions

By Lona Hawkins

The bishopric of Balboa Second Ward extends the season's greetings to all. Bishop Williams especially desires to extend his thanks to all those who have held positions in the Ward during 1959, and for cooperation in putting so many projects through successfully. Our bishop urges us all to value and honor our positions, and asks us that we all strive to add to our active membership.

Our 100 per cent Meeting on Dec. 20 was a huge success. We did not quite achieve the 100 per cent that we were trying for, but we made a very good showing.

The Ward Christmas party was held at the Church house Dec. 22. We had such a good time that plans are already being formulated for an even bigger evening next year.

Santa Busy

Santa Claus was a busy man in the Ward Recreation Hall just before Christmas. He came to the Relief Society Christmas party on Dec. 15, and brought gifts for all the little ones. Then he dashed back to the North Pole for another load that was distributed to kiddies at the ward Christmas party.

The Primary officers and their partners met at the home of their president Sister Mamie Lambson, for their Christmas party. It was described by one who attended as a real gasser. White elephant gifts were exchanged. Ribbons were followed to eating utensils, which resulted in some trying to eat spaghetti from a pitcher with chopsticks, and other "appropriate" arrangements.

Those who went on the temple excursion in December were Edgar L. and Irma Williams, Charles and Sally Naumann, Elwood and Koye Richbells, and Fred Taylor. They report a nice trip, and much work accomplished.

Research Gains

1960 shows all the signs of being a great year in our ward for genealogical research. Bernard Skagford is one of our most fruitful members. He made a trip to the Genealogical Society this fall to do more research on the Icelandic Sagas that he has been searching. He recently sent so much work to S. L. C. that his package of family group sheets and pedigree sheets weighed 20 pounds. Our former bishop and present high councilman John O. Breckon, attended the first family reunion of one branch of his family recently, and got so much work accomplished that he has come home fired with enthusiasm. We expect him to be one of our stalwarts in this year's project of trying to get more people doing work in their own homes with the advice and help of home teachers. Elder Skagford is taking one night a week from his busy schedule with the Senior Aaronics to help any that feel they need assistance. Sister Enid Bairns and Sister Lona Hawkins will be working with the teen-agers to help to get this age group started in this important work.

New members have arrived in our ward. Jason Dean Fite joined his parents, Gordon and Shirley Fite, on Dec. 2, and just about seven hours apart Perry Neil Loveridge came to live with Larry Neil and Bobby Loveridge. Elizabeth Neola Olson, whose birth was announced last month, was blessed by her father, Heber Olson. Those who were baptized were Walter Coppinger, husband of Marion Coppinger; and Lottie and Marguerite Wilson were baptized and confirmed by their uncle. Virgil P. Swenson, of Walnut Creek Stake.

The Relief Society held a successful bazaar Dec. 5. They have done so well with rummage sales that there are plans afoot to go semi-annual instead of once a year.

The old newspaper project has outgrown the point that it can be handled by one man. Albert Buckley has done a wonderful job, and deserves a big vote of thanks for a job well done. The project is now being taken over by the Elder's Quorum.

As we begin our new year now we are looking eagerly forward to the completion of our new Stake House. A pretty good sized piece has a roof on now, and as soon as steel supplies arrive again, we will be preparing to put the roof on the rest of it. We can hardly wait.

Wilsons Married In S.L. Temple

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Wilson are now at home at 1494 Solano Ave., Nov. 7 following their marriage Dec. 4 in the Salt Lake Temple with Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve officiating.

The bride, the former Naomi Kiesig, who resided at 1802 Bonita Ave., Berkeley, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. J. Kiesig of Salt Lake City and served two years in the Brazilian mission. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Wilson of 2367 McBryde Street, Richmond.

The bride was given away by her brother, Frank L. Kiesig and wore a white brocade gown with three-quarter sleeves, a round neckline of princess stlye, ballerina length with a drop hemline in the back. Her maid of honor in Salt Lake City was Wilola Follett of Douglas, Arizona., at the Richmond reception, Annette Belcher of Berkeley.

Hosts and hostesses for the reception in the Cannon Sixth Ward, Salt Lake City on Dec. 4 were Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne R. Martyn, sister and brother-in-law of the bride; at the Richmond Chapel, Dec. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W Wilson.

The young couple had a 10-day wedding trip in the Pacific Southwest, traveling by automobile.

Naomi attended school at West High School, Salt Lake City, the University of Utah and Brigham Young University; the bridegroom attended Richmond High School and Contra Costa Junior College and served two years in the Navy, working as surveyor and draftsman in the Seabee unit in Alaska, Midway and the Philippines. He is employed by C. Woodrow Bates, Civil engineer, Berkeley, and is affiliated with Alpha Gamma Sigma, honorary fraternity.

Pre-nuptial parties were given by Mrs. Sidney Feller, Mrs. Layton Lloyd, of Berkeley; Mrs. Joseph Giovanini, Richmond; Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. Nile Jacobson, Mrs. Ray Watson, Mrs. Ralph Olson of Vallejo; Louise Weeks, Helen Swan and Miss Annette Belcher of Berkeley; and in Salt Lake City Mrs. C. Leland Davey, Miss Norma Thomas, Mrs. Don Christensen, Mrs. Ronald Lever and Mrs. Emil Hanson.

WED IN Salt Lake Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W Wilson are now living in Berkeley.

WARREN PUGH

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Pugh, are old and very close friends of I. B. and Rachel Ball, having lived and worked in the same ward almost all their lives until marriage. William and Eva Pugh raised one of the largest families in their ward, sent all the sons and a daughter on missions for the Church. All are now active in the various wards where they reside.

Bay Ward

Leadership Week Roster Prepared

A cross-reference roster of the membership of the Advanced Genealogical class taught during our past Leadership Week by Alfred H. Kopp has been prepared and was distributed in December by the class secretary, Willard D. Stephens, 2924 Hillside Drive, Burlingame.

The roster is compiled in several ways: as a numerical list with home addresses; as a list of names of the lines each class member is interested in; and as an index of places of interest to class members.

Secretary Stephens has shown zeal and patience in this roster of 23 pages of mimeoed long sheets. Nothing so complete as this has come out of any other Leadership Class on any subject.

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FIFTEEN San Carlos Ward girls received their individual awards for the past year were given a treat by the ward, a luncheon at the Villa Chartier in San Mateo. With them were Bishop and Sister Leetham, Mary Smith, MIA president, and Gladys Beckle, age group counselor. Front row, from left, Sue Taylor, Diane Olson, Jill Thomas, Mary White, Chris Harlow, Lee Ball and Cheryl Mc Neil; back row, Avon Smith, Clyda Stevens, Gayle Brooks, Carolyn White, Christen Vause, Valorie Jones, Barbara Jones. Kay Thomas is not pictured. Thanking the girls for their faithfulness, the bishop expressed a desire to see the number of awards increase next year.

Alameda Ward

Double Session Sunday School

To relieve overcrowding and to use our classrooms to a better advantage, Alameda Ward's Sunday School started a double session on Sunday, January 3rd. The first session in the chapel will meet from 10:30 to 11:10 while certain classes are in session. At 11:10 the groups in the chapel will go to classes and the classes in session will come to the chapel. Sacrament service, practice songs and short talks will be given in both sessions.

Six members of our ward were presented certificates of honor Dec. 6, as graduates of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood School. They are Cranville Howland, Lynn Butler, Dan & Eve Shaw, and Charles & Ruth Goodfellow

Clifford and Dorothy Brookes recently went to the Salt Lake Temple to be sealed and have their children sealed.

Visiting our ward the past month were Karl and Marion Haws and children who spent Thanksgiving week with her parents Louie and Eleanor Engel. Richard and Kathy Halliday and children visited with Joyce and Jed Marcum.

We were happy to see Judy Eliasen, Singe Slangerup, Rodney Pocock, Peggy Rutherford, Duane Hunt and Alan Hunt home from BYU for the holidays.

Samir and Cynthia Hakki return to Salt Lake City to attend the University of Utah. We are sorry to see them leave our ward, as well as Lynn Dakin who is going to live in Southern California while her fiancee, Earl Starkes fills a mission. An open house was held in their honor at Alameda Ward on Dec. 12th.

The Primary Officers and teachers and their partners had a very successful Christmas party Dec. 4, at the ward. They enjoyed a pot luck dinner, an entertaining program and Santa himself passed out the gifts.

The Primary and Junior Sunday School had their annual Christmas Party Dec. 18. They presented a nice program and Santa was on hand to greet the boys and girls and present a little gift.

The Relief Society had an enjoyable Christmas party on work day. A delicious lunch was served, and a display of many Christmas ideas for decorating and gifts filled four tables. Displayed also were the beautiful textile paintings that have been so much a part of our work days.

Congratulations to Calvin and Ramona Carlsen, the proud parents of Ramona Jaunita, an 8 lb, 7 oz, girl, born Nov. 28th.

New teachers in our Primary include Arlene Staples and Judy Roach.

We express condolences to Lorine Powell and Bernice Campbell and their families at the passing of their sister, Shirley Swanson, after a prolonged illness. Lorine and Jack Powell have spent the past four months in Southern California and we are happy to welcome them home.

Los Altos Ward

Active Jim Sparks Marks 84th Year

Elder Jim Sparks, who celebrated his 84th birthday, December 11, continues to be one of the stalwart members of the Los Altos Ward. Although the passing years have somewhat curtailed his physical activities so that he no longer walks the five miles to and from Church meetings, his devotion to the gospel and its teachings remain unimpaired.

After 23 years ward teaching he still rates as 100 percent effective in this capacity. His participation in missionary work dates back some 15 years. As the eldest male member of the large congregation of the Los Altos Ward, his regular attendance at priesthood and other meetings is a challenge to many of the younger members. Though unable to work alongside the woodsmen in the Tri-Stake Recreation Area he nevertheless, as an expert saw sharpener, keeps the saws at the sawmill in that area in fine cutting condition.

His extensive knowledge of scripture and ability to quote passages continues to amaze his associates, who consult him frequently. Although he lives simply on a modest income, Jim Sparks was one of the largest contributors to the building fund at the times the Los Altos Ward chapel was built and later enlarged. On the occasion of his 84th birthday, his many frinds wished him many more years of the same kind of exemplary living.

Berkeley First Ward

Tokyo - LeMans Missionary News

By DIXIE WOOD

From Tokyo, Japan, comes word that Meriyo Okahata has received her first missionary assignment, to work in the Mission home there. In addition to the work which Meriyo does in the home, she has the opportunity to do active proselyting, and has delivered her first "official" talk as a missionary. We all love Meriyo and are interested in her missionary activities.

Richard Johnson, son of J. Ed and LaVon Johnson, has become a senior companion. He will work in LeMans, France. This is his first such missionary assignment, which we know he will fulfill with enthusiasm.

In addition to the Christmas parties which dotted the calendar last month, the Mutual presented a Christmas tableau, "Miracle of Zarahemla." It was narrated by Laurine Ellis. The presentation was under the general chairmanship of Jeralie Wirthlin and Janet Clyde. MIA-Maids took charge of decorations for the Frosty Frolics Christmas Party held by both Berkeley Wards. The girls did a beautiful job. New officers in the YWMIA are Janet Clyde, Activity Counselor, and Vivian Best, Sports Director.

The Elders Quorum held a successful sale of Christmas cards and candy. They appreciate the willing participation of the Quorum members, as well as the patronage of the Ward members. December also brought the annual Relief Society sale of baked goods and handmade artieles.

The Sunday School extends a sincere vote of thanks to Thelma Merrill, who has done an excellent job as co-ordinator of the Junior Sunday School for the past four years. Replacing her in this position is Sister Marva Mahoney. Other new teachers in the Sunday School are La Von Eyring, course nine, "Leaders of the Scriptures,,; Miriam Osmond, Junior Sunday School Secretary; Alda Strebel, who is asssiting Aiko Horiuchi with course three; and Allen Clyde, course fifteen, "Life in Ancient America."

Students home from the "Y" for the holidays were Macki Hand, Lynette and Caroline Eyring, Sue Evans, Kendra Wincott, Sue Bailey, Connie Sparks, Sue Fife, Marjorie Sabine, Chuck Carter and Carl Johnson. Visiting Ted and Mavis Baer for the holidays, is their son, Richard, and his wife and two boys.

Bruce and Julia Burnham are the pleased parents of a baby girl, Ann, who arrived on November 21, weighing 9 lb. and 3 ounces. Ann has a big brother, Paul, who is 2½ years old. Bruce and Julia are fairly new members of the Ward. Bruce is planning to complete work on his Ph.D. in Bio-Chemistry in the Spring.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Golden Gleaner Policy Meeting

By Lee Ashby

The Golden Gleaners of the Oakland Stake met together at the home of Beatrice Larsen, Jan., 1953, and decided to organize for the purposes of getting to know one another better, to encourage and further the Golden Gleaner program in the respective wards, to have a chorus ready to sing for various events, and to develop new skills and talents.

In the seven years since that first meeting, members of the organization have met once a month at different homes. For many of those years they had an active chorus which sang for various events from funerals to stake conference. It is interesting to note that just half of the girls on the first membership list have moved from the area.

Besides the monhly meetings, the Gleaners have an annual summer barbecue which includes their partners, and each Christmas there is a special Christmas party where they enjoy the talents of the girls and exchange gifts which they have made. The annual party was held Dec. 14, when Golda Hedberg presented a moving original reading, supplemented by songs sung by Ruth Wilson and Joan Stamm. Ruth Wilson led the group in Christmas carols and an enjoyable supper was served.

For the past three years the Golden Gleaners have sponsored an interstake dinner-dance, which will be expanded this coming May into a Northern California Master M-Men, - Golden Gleaner dinner dance.

Since the realignment of the stakes three years ago, the organization has run on a two-stake basis, including Oakland-Berkeley and Hayward Stakes. However, this past year the major part of the attendance has been from the Hayward Stake. Therefore the annual business and election meeting will be of importance to all Golden Gleaners. It will be held Jan. 25, when the matter of splitting into two stake groups will be discussed. A large attendance is desired to discuss and decide the matter at the meeting held in the Oakland Fourth Ward at 8:00 p.m.

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MY TESTIMONY

By Mabel B. Liddell

How does a testimony grow in the heart of a boy? It is not inherited and it requires diligent effort - but careful nurturing and a proper atmosphere to grow in - are also necessary. This is made clear in the story of Ronny McKune, age 16, now living in Bay Ward, in San Francisco. Ronnie was born in the Church, baptized when young and is now active in his Priesthood quorum, Sunday School, Seminary and in Scouting. He is a student at Lowell High School and when he has time, his hobby is photography.

Ronnie's awareness of the power of prayer was vividly awakened when he was about nine years old. On and advenuresome hike to the top of Twin Peaks with a young friend one day, he found himself near the top on the steepest incline, unable to move up or down. A treacherous slope of about two hundred feet lay beneath him. Ronnie was absolutely paralyzed by fear. He prayed desperately for help and his fear departed, leaving him free to inch his way back to safety.

Book of Mormon

During the next few years he tried to read the Book of Mormon for he felt an earnest desire to know of its ruth. Alhough he started several times he "rarely endured long enough to get Lehi out of the desert." He wanted very much to know whether this was the right Church, but many forces tried his endurance. He was often disillusioned by disorderly classes, caused by lack of cooperation by some students and sometimes by poorly prepared teachers. There seemed to be little accomplishment and purpose in going - to this boy who was so eager to know the things of God. He began to doubt and question the Book of Mormon, the power of the Priesthood and the divinity of the Church itself. He did not think to pray about his problems and became very discouraged.

During his 13th year an incident in his ward awakened his faith. One night upon arriving at M.I.A. he learned that the Scoutmaster's new born child was in such critical condition that it was not expected to live through the night Ronnie, with the other Scouts participated in prayer for the little one and a few days later they learned what had happened.

Elders Administer

The doctors at Hamilton Air Force Base Hospital had given the parents little hope but recommended that if the child lived until morning, it should be taken to Marin General Hospital where better facilities for treatment were available. The elders were called to administer to the baby that night and by morning when the Doctor made his examination he said, "You have brought me the wrong baby!" He was so puzzled at the remarkably healthy condition of the infant, that to him, the only possible explanation was that a mix-up of babies had occurred.

This incident has inspired Ronnie ever since that day. At the time he thought the Lord had allowed him to know of it in order to help him solve his doubts - even though he hadn't prayed for help as he felt he should have done.

Ronnie moved to another ward and his new Scoutmaster called on him in his home. This devoted man made a personal call on every boy of scout age in his ward and when they came to Scout meeting he had a planned program ready for their accomplishment and advancement. They not only learned in class, but they went on trips, week-end camps and had two week excursions in the summer. Hours were spent in plans by this faithful man and he insisted that the boys learn to assume responsibility also. Ronnie considered himself fortunate to be Senior Patrol Leader.

Lived His Religion

"When we were on hikes and trips I could ask him questions about the gospel that I would never have had opporunity for in classes and his answers filled me with complete satisfaction. I knew he was speaking the truth for he lived his religion in every way and I knew I could fully trust him. He gave me solid footing again and my faith returned. Since my father was not a member I needed this association. I began to see a goal and make strides toward it.

"In my first year of Seminary, in the close association of a small group of sincere Latter-day Saints, we studied the Book of Mormon. The Spirit of the Lord was there and it was such an uplifting experience. From that day to this I feel close to the Lord when reading the Book of Mormon in a way that I do not feel in reading the Bible. The Book of Mormon is so alive!

"By attending classes at B Y U Leadership Week in Oakland, my knowledge has increased as to the depth of the gospel plan. I can more clearly see the hand of God in everything and more fully grasp the nature of his love. These classes helped me to recognize the vast amount of knowledge we have in comparison to those who have rejected the teachings of Latter-day Prophets.

"I pray that I will live so that I will remain faithful - that I will never lose the feeling I have about this precious gospel. I hope to have the understanding necessary to help in the Heavenly Father's work."

AN ORDINARY DAY

The following poem, written by Hayward Perdue of Roanoke, Virginia, recent convert to the Church, was read in Oakland-Berkeley Stake conference to by Tom Green, who labored as missionary in the South and helped teach Brother Perdue the gospel. Says Tom: "He and his wife have become very happy in working hard in the Church. I was happy I could play a small part in teaching them the gospel. The poem shows how one small thing can be the turning point in sparking an interest in the Church.

By Hayward Perdue

It was an ordinary day, or so it seemed
As I rushed home for lunch, but I never dreamed
That what I found there being taught to my wife
Would so affect me the rest of my life.
I slammed the car door and went right in
To Come face to face with two young men
I'm Elder Jones, began one of the two
And may I present Elder Avery to you?
We all shook hands and then sat down
"Wonder what they're selling?" I thought with a frown.
They began to explain just why they were there
To be perfectly honest I really didn't care.
They produced a book all done up in black
Called the Book of Mormon, and as I look back
It's really a miracle I let them go on
Wonder why they're staying so awful long?
They gave us a pamphlet along with the book
All about some guy, I didn't even look.
They asked me to read it and I said all right
I thought "If I don't they might stay all night."
Soon we had a prayer and they took their leave
By this time I was really good and peeved
My lunch hour was gone, really wasted:
My food had to be left on the table untasted
When the day was over and I came home once more
I saw the pamphlet lying there on the floor.
"Joseph Smith Tells His Own Story" I saw at a glance
Well, I'll read it tonight if I get a chance.
When dinner was over, I had nothing to do
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The message was so simple, so beautifully clear
It seemed I had waited all my life to hear
A story such as this that I could rely on
To give me strength when all else was gone.
We could hardly wait until the Elders returned
To teach us the gospel for which we yearned
Our eyes have been opened, our lives complete
And we are thankful that God let us meet
Elder Jones, Elder Avery, Elder Stevens and soon
We met Jenkins, Green and Elder Toone.
If they had not come to show us the light
We might still be living in an endless night
So be with them, God, wherever they may be
Let them do for others what they did for me.

LUCY BABCOCK, a recent convert to the Church, is now teaching the literature lesson for San Carlos Ward Relief Society. Shown with her is the map sheet her husband, John, made showing the 13 original states depicted with seeds and grains. The map represents many hours of work for the Babcocks.

San Carlos Ward

Ward Enjoys Yule Parties

The Relief Society gave the first San Carlos Christmas party of the season as they presented "Christmas of Many Nations." The participants wore authentic costumes as they gave the countries they represented. A solo was sung by Merlyn Leetham after which the Christmas Story from St. Luke was recited by Agda Harlow. Alta Johnson sang "O, Holy Night." A turkey dinner was served while Santa (Plenna Lovelace)) passed presents. Bishop Leetham was a special guest and urged the sisters to try to keep the true meaning of Christmas in their Homes during the Christmas season.

Ward Party

The MIA was host for the Ward Party where a pageant was presented under the direction of Sister Alice Shields. Carols were sung by the Youth Chorus and Santa made another appearance.

Sunday Evening, Dec. 20, the Ward Choir presented the Life of Christ with music and scriptures narrated by Kent Bringhurst, recently returned missionary. The choir was directed by Alta Johnson and accompanied by her daughter, Merlyn Leetham. Soloists were Arlene Jones and Lucille Williams, and Chris Morley.

A recent Ward Conference was termed as a big success and a rich spiritual experience by all who attended. Some 46 per cent of the Ward was in attendance for the Morning Session of the Conference with 47 per cent out for the Sacrament Meeting Session. The conference was held under the direction of the San Mateo Stake Presidency - President William L. Stoker and his two Counselors, Elder Jacobsen and Elder Howard.

A 30 voice choir, under the direction of Merlyn Leetham accompanied by Sister Oral Stowell, furnished the music for both sessions of the conference. Bishop Leetham reported on the growth in activity and population of the Ward and pleaded with the saints to keep the commandments so essential to eternal life.

Carolyn Warner and Sheldon L. Nicolaysen were married in the Los Angeles Temple on Dec. 19, 1959.

Carolyn is a graduate of Carlmont High School - Class of 1957 - and has attended BYU and the Church School in Hawaii.

Elder Nicolaysen served a mission in Urŭguay where he was a counselor to the mission president. He is a graduate of the college of the Pacific and is the San Mateo County District Manager of the Junior Achievement program.

The couple will live in Redwood City following the Southern California Wedding.

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Ann Ross to Wed David Freestone

Mr. and Mrs. C. T Ross of Redwood City Ward have announced the engagement of their daughter Ann, to David Michael Freestone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freestone of Des Moines, Iowa.

Miss Ross graduated from Sequoia High School in 1957 and attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she majored in Child and Family Guidance. She was affiliated with Nautilus of NLU sorority. She is at present employed by McAlister Buick, Inc. of San Francisco. There is a sister, Luzon, who is a sophmore at Brigham Young and a younger brother Tommy who attends Selby Lane.

A graduate of Sequoia High School in the class of '53, Mr. Freestone is now in his junior year at San Francisco State College, where he is majoring in International Relations. Prior to his entering college he served three years with the U. S. Marine Corps. He has five sisters: Mrs. Rose Anderson of Redwood City, Mrs. Margaret Bryant of San Leandro, Mrs. Helen Meyer of Palo Alto, Mrs. Maxine Baltzley of Sacramento, Mrs. Beulah Greenwood of Des Moines. His brother, Frank Freestone, recently returned from service in England with the U. S. Air Force.

The wedding is planned for June, and will be held in the Redwood City Ward chapel.

Grayson-Wirrick Engagement Told

By Grace J. Kelly

Engagement of Jean Edna Grayson to Allyn J. Wirrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wirrick of Hood River, Oregon, is announced by the father of the bride-to-be Kenneth William Grayson.

The bride-elect is from Vancouver, B. C. and has been residing in San Francisco for the past two years. She attended Brigham Young University prior to coming to San Francisco.

Her fiancee was graduated from Brigham Young University in 1958 where he majored in marketing. presently is working in Ogden, Utah, where the couple will reside after their marriage in the Logan Temple in January.

Plaque Erected At Centerville In Memory Of Elder John Horner

By I. B. BALL

A long neglected Northern California Mormon leader of religion and education was lifted out of oblivion and his name honored in ceremonies at Centerville, Alameda County, a short time ago.

While traffic roared past and planes flew over the Centerville area chapel grounds on busy Fremont Way, John M. Horner was taken out of a historically neglected corner and placed in his rightful spot in the center of the stage of early-day California events.

The occasion was the unveiling of a cast bronze plaque to the memory of Mr. Horner by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers of Alameda County camps.

Annaleone Davis Patton, Berkeley First Ward and Oakland-Berkeley Stake historian, at long last saw in this unveiling her many years of patient research bear fruit of public recognition in the honoring of Horner as a first in Alameda County not only as patron of religion and education but as a pioneer gardener and community builder.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Alameda County camps, carried out the ceremonies, provided the flagpole and flag and the materials for the monument and flagpole cement base while the central camp of the Utah Daughters in Salt Lake City furnished the cast bronze plaque, after having approved and accepted Mrs. Patton's research studies of the life of this Ship Brooklyn emigrant as the builder as far as can be ascertained, of the first English-speaking school and non-Catholic meeting house in Alameda County. A one-room structure served the two purposes.

CENTERVILLE WARD had kindly consented to have a hewn-stone monument erected on the spacious lawns of their chapel grounds, and Bishop Andrew G. Hunt, a stone masonry contractor by trade personally built the solid six-foot high structure on which he plaque was placed.

Conducting the dedicatory exercises was Mrs. LaVern Bain president of the Alameda County camp of D.U.P. A lady's chorus led by Daughter Rowene Basinger and accompanied by JoAnne Basinger on the accordian, sang two appropriate songs, "I Love Thee California" and "When They're Gone, Do Not Forget Them."

The program was fittingly opened in a flag-raising ceremony by the Boy Scouts of Centerville Ward led by Scoutmaster Donald Kelly assisted by Scouts Tim Wright, Brian Bodily, Charles Britt, Michael Nunes and Bruce Brown. Featured in this ceremony was the Call to the Colors and a cornet rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by Scout Varol E. Shaw of Claremont Ward.

Early in the day's ceremonies the plaque was officially unveiled by two of the granddaughters of John M. Horner, Mrs. Edna Horner Mathiesen of Santa Cruz and Mrs. Elizabeth Horner Howe of Oakland.

W. Glenn Harmon, former stake president and currently in the presidency of the Northern California Mission brought greetings on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Isaac B. Ball, Berkeley, a stake patriarch.

ANNALEONE D. PATTON gave a historic sketch of the life and many achievements of John M. Horner from the time of his 1846 arrival on the Ship Brooklyn in San Francisco until his death in the Hawaiian Islands in 1904.

Mrs. LaVern Bain extended greetings on behalf of the Alameda County D.U.P. camps and read telegrams of felicitation from Governor Goodwin J. Knight of California, and Mrs. Kate B. Carter, president of the Central Camp of

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Nelle Macdonald Death Mourned In Bay Area

Nelle Lasueur Macdonald, 72, wife of W. Aird Macdonald, first president of the Oakland Branch (1920), and of the original San Francisco Stake (1927), and later of the first Oakland Stake, (1935), died in her new home in Bountiful, Utah, Monday, Dec. 21. Death followed an operation for a cancer Nov. 1.

At her bedside at the time of her passing were her two sons, Clyde L. of Orinda and Keith L. of Los Angeles, besides her husband and friends. She is survived also by four grandsons.

Born December 17, at St. Johns, Arizona, Sister Macdonald received her early schooling at St. Johns and studied at St. Johns Academy and at the Brigham Young University where she specialized in music.

Moving early to Mesa with her father's family, Nelle served as Sunday School teacher and as ward organist.

Stake Organist

Her California activities include ward and stake organist in Oakland Stake, gleaner instructor and president of the YWMIA in Oakland Ward, and president of the Relief Society of the California Mission (1938-41). She was also director of the singing mothers of Stockton Ward.

One of the delightful highlights of Nelle Lasueur Macdonald's California Mission presidency (1937-41) was her achievement in training a chorus of 211 singing mothers who attended the October, 1938, General Conference where they sang in the Relief Society Conference sessions.

Wed in Temple

Nelle and W. Aird Macdonald were married in the Salt Lake Temple June 2, 1909. They moved to Oakland in 1911 when A. Aird brought his trained talents in cartooning to the San Francisco dailies, including over the years The Daily News, The Call Bulletin, and later his skill in photography and reporting to these papers and to the Newspaper Enterprises Association.

Nelle was an able teacher of both piano and the organ, and was gifted in musical composition and program organization.

Two of her better known compositions, "Beatitudes of Truth" and "The Lord is my Rock" have been published and still enjoy a rather wide-spread demand.

The Mormon Male chorus which for several years sang over old radio station KTAB (now KSFO) received inspiration and assistance in its first organization.

Worked in Stockton

President Macdonald's services with the State Liquor Control Board eventually took him and Nelle to Stockton where he headed the work in 11 counties. From this work he retired in 1956, at which time he was called to Salt Lake City as assistant to Wendell Mendenhall who is head of the Church's building program in all the world.

Nelle and W. Aird purchased a home in Bountiful, but occupied it only one month before her passing. Funeral services were held Wednesday December 23 in the 18th Ward where they had lived longest in Salt Lake City.

Last June 2, the Macdonalds celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Interstake Center in Oakland. At that happy time one of the largest outpourings of the local colony came to honor the former president who had laid the beginnings of all that we now see in the six Bay Area stakes, and his charming and talented wife.

San Francisco Ward

Elders Project Typical Service

By Echo May

The Priesthood in the Church is composed of special men, dedicated to the service of others. For instance, James Daily, Sr., president of the Elders quorum in San Francisco Ward, spends hours on the phone organizing groups of men to do service work. One such group was headed by Elder Frank Honn, Sunday School Counselor, and took the best part of two Saturdays to work on a painting project. Working with Elder Honn were Elders E. Kent Jones, Dick Fairweather, Sydney Caro, Gary Goodman, Lane Melville and Gawin Goodrich. Broher Arhur Johnson and Ed. Hayes, painting contractors, loaned their equipment for the job. The wives of the married elders shared in this work, as they took over double Saturday duties at home. President Daily, his son, Mike and Bruce Yoshinaka finished up the back of the cottage. The boys are working toward their Aaronic Priesthood awards.

Superintendent Gawin Goodrich opened the Sunday School program the evening of Dec. 6, by demonstrating how no chain is stronger than its weakest link; no work greater than its weakest part, then the program moved rapidly along to show that the Sunday School is certainly not a weak link in church work. Tom Wood, a recent convert, gave a good talk on the Sunday School organization by Richard Ballantyne. Estelle Green detailed the life of that great organizer.

For the most part, the program was carried on by the younger generation: the opening prayer by young Erick Eastin and the meeting closed by Deacon Davis Alger; with some excellent talks by very young people. Jean Clark, Martin Baker and Beverly Alger told distinctly why they came to Sunday School. Under the direction of Frances Higby, about 30 youngsters sent their little voices ringing out over the audience.

On Fast Sunday, Dec. 6, Karen L. Phelps was confirmed a member of the church by Ted Lengel, and Loretta J. Green was confirmed by Robert L. Clark.

At Fast Meeting, Arthur W. Johnson Jr., son of Arthur W. Johnson and Marilyn Naylor, was blessed by Bishop Scoville. Clay Burnett, son of E. Kent Jones and Dixie Burnett was given a name and a father's blessing.

Most missionaries like to return to the field of their labors, and on Sunday, Dec. 6, one who labored here in 1905 and endured the fire of 1906 returned to bear his interesting testimony.

Sister Alvenia Okey (1335 Cherry Ave., San Jose Cal.) is surrounded by her children, but her heart is eager for news from her old San Francisco Ward friends.

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The visiting officials are Elder Henry D. Taylor, an Assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles, and Elder LeRoy A. Wirthlin of the General Welfare Committee.

Saturday evening meetings will be for leaders of the local congregations. Sunday's general sessions, open to the public, will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Stake President Irven G. Derrick, 408 Skyline Drive, Daly City, California, will conduct the meeting.

Elder Taylor left his career as a Prominent Provo, Utah, business executive to become president of the California Mission in 1955. He was called to his present position in 1958 He had previously been a bishop and stake president.

Elder Wirthlin is a director of the famed Church Welfare Plan.

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Los Altos Ward

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Opening remarks of welcome were by class president Greg Williams. The invocation was by Bill Johnson and the introduction of speakers by Bonnie Evans, co-president of the class. Musical numbers, including piano and violin renditions, were by Nancy McOmber, Ann Smith, and Gayle Jorgenson. The principal talks covered highlights in church history between 2400 B. C. and 421 A. D. In succession the speakers were Ronnie Hixson, Kathy Baker, Susan Brooks, Darly Olson, Linda Kracht, Kathy Riches, Mitch Hunt, Colleen Cragun, Corinne Reed, John Wood, Vicki Nelson, Danny Singleton, and Bob Smith.

Scripture readings that accompanied several of the talks were by Craig Smith, Dean Harvorson, Dwight Lassen, Bonnie Cella, and Mardeen Dastrop. The benediction was given by Marian Bastow.

PLAQUE ERECTED

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D.U.P.

A hearty response of appreciation for the historic research labors of Mrs. Patton and for the efforts of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in erecting the monument and plaque was made on behalf of the City of Fremont by Mrs. Winnifred Bendell, past president of Washington Township Historic Society.

The ceremonies closed in good spirit with a number by the lady's chorus following a sincere response on behalf of Centerville Ward by Bishop Andrew P. Hunt, expressing the ward's pleasure in having been selected to have the monument and plaque erected on their lawns. He pledged the ward to care for and preserve these historic landmarks.

TO EXPLAIN what it was all about, the program contained a sketch of the life of Horner saying among other things:

The Old Horner School and Meeting House was built by Elder John M. Horner in 1850 on a site now occupied by the Centerville depot. Horner came to California on the Ship Brooklyn in 1846 and to Alameda County in 1847. The building was the only place in the county where English was taught. Mormons, Presbyterians and Baptists held religious services, at different hours, in this historic building.

John M. Horner also is rightfully credited as giving the county its first white American citizen and its first American home besides its first roads, bridges and fences; its first blacksmith and wheelwright shops; first large steam-driven flour mill and first combine harvester.

Horner's child was the first American child born in the County. Horner also opened the first non-Catholic cemetery in Alameda County and financed and promoted the first stage line and the first steamboat on San Francisco Bay.

Moreover some eight town of Southern Alameda County can lay claim to John Horner as connected with their founding.

Among the guests at the ceremonies was the great great granddaughter of Horner from Salinas. Present also were representatives from neighboring D.U.P. camps in San Francisco, Sacramento, Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties.

Circulation Has Quadrupled Messenger Has Served 29 Years

By Nell Smith

The headlines and the columns of the "Messenger of Northern California," the same paper you are now reading, have faithfully recorded the growth of the Church in this area for a period of 29 years.

How the Church has grown can be told in the comparsion of the subscription figures of 2800 in January of 1931 with the 11,500 figure in January of 1960. And this news disseminator has a story of its own.

It starts in 1931 when Elder W. Aird MacDonald, then president of the San Francisco stake, a well-known newspaper man and clever cartoonist, published the paper in order to send valuable information into the outlying homes of the Saints then scattered throughout the entire Bay Area. An announcement on the front page of the first issue says, "That the people may know."

This first publication continued for ten years until it was forced into retirement during the war years of 1941-46. The newly organized Liahona club this time (1946), searching for a worthwhile project to sponsor, at the suggestion of William Evans asked for and received permission to reactivate the stake newspaper. Fortunately their plan conincided with the retirement of Elder I. B. Ball who is a journalist and as he says, ". . .I just like to write."

"I. B's" OFFER to help was greatfully accepted and in April 1946 the "Messenger," with Elder Ball as editor, and financed by advertising underwritten by Liahona club members, was again in business. These business men included Harold R. Jensen, C. W, Nadler, John J. Allphin, who were advertisers in the 1931 publication and whose ads still appear regulary. Space does not permit memtioning the many other loyal contributors who started advertising with that issue.

As with anything worthwhile the first steps were not easy. All 2800 papers had to be addressed on a single hand manipulated Addreso-graph with 'I.B.' pulling the lever on every copy. The address plates used in the machine were stamped out on a manually operated graphotype until that happy day when President O. Leslie Stone gave us an electric machine.

Later Tom Ferguson offered to sign a note with "I. B." to purchase an electric addressograph and when we visited the mailing room on the "Messenger" we counted four addressing machines, two of them electric.

As we waited in the basement of 1612 Spruce street, to interview the "Messenger's" business manager talked with Robert Burdett who was busy running the electric addressograph. We later learned that he is retired, a high councilman of Walnut Creek stake and a faithful worker on the "Messenger's staff. It is his responsibility with the loyal assistance of Walter L. Aylett, Claremont Ward, and David D. Moosman, and Calvin D. Wood of Berkeley First Ward.

WE NOTED with interest many of our papers were addressed to Australia, New Zealand, most South American countries. (Ed. Note: It is the ward Bishop's responsibility to see that missionaries receive this medium of news from home by mailing their addresses to David Jensen, 16 Kerr avenue, Berkeley.)

Soon our interview had time to talk to us and told us of the service of Circulation Manager David Jensen who keeps the mailing lists up-to-date, Elder Jensen regularly checks through the address lists of 50 wards to add new subscribers and remove address plates of those who have moved away. The new plates he requires are punched out by Elders Albert Dietliker and Stanley Dallin of Berkeley Second Ward. Brother Ball emphasized the dependability of these men who have worked on the staff in this capacity for many years.

As we talked, young men of the Berkeley First ward's Priest's quorum sorted the papers to be placed in mailbags according to towns. We noted the respectful attitude of the boys toward Brother Ball when it was necessary for them to ask questions. Members of the second, third and fourth Elder's quorum of Oakland-Berkeley stake took over the sorting and mail delivery to the post office after the young men left. Post office employees are to be commended for their fine cooperation in handling our 11,500 pieces of mail.

"I'm sure I have forgotten someone whose name should be included because there are so many who try to come over each month to lend a hand."

"I. B.'s" white brows were drawn in concentration as he spoke, then his face lighted up as he remembered his "silent partner, his wife, Rachel. When our workers begin to weary of their tasks a piece of pie or a glass of punch prepared by Sister Ball, appears to give refreshment and renew their energies. She it is who mans the telephone and pleasantly answers the questions constantly asked regarding advertising rates and other "Messenger" business.

OF COURSE there would not be much of a paper to mail it it were not for the effort of our correspondents. Since we serve six stakes there are fifty wards who are entitled to contribute news of their own activities. In addition there are stake reporters and individual contributors to our columns.

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Oakland Fourth

Sister Helton Given Party on 90th Birthday

By Vera Johnston

On Dec. 10 Mrs. Ollie Helton dressed herself in her pretty blue dress and had a wonderful time with friends from this ward and Oakland third ward. The occasion was the celebration of her 90th birthday. Sister Helton is the mother of Georgiana Facer, both former members of Oakland Fourth ward. Sister Helton became a member when 84 years old through the missionary efforts of Sister Schueller and her husband, who is now deceased.

She was born in Texas and when a young girl moved to New Mexico with her folks and when twenty years ago then she came to California. Her home was in Rockland, she moved to Oakland and is now living with Reed and Georgiana at 3240 Hyde St. It was here that she was told that a few friends were calling to see her but she didn't know that Georgiana had planned a party so was both surprised and delighted. A huge cake decorated with poinsettas, holly a santa, Christmas tree and had written on it "Mother on her 90th Birthday" thrilled her. She was further delighted with her first orchid that was a gift from Reed. The friends who enjoyed this event with her were Thora Bramwell, Hattie Robinson, Myrtle Famariss, Stella Hoops, Joyce Osborne, Hazel Allen, Della Swenson, Edna Torgerson, Lulu McCarthy, Venetia Winward, Blanche Troxel, Melvina Earl, Estelle Stephens, and Johanna Scheuller.

Robert D. Frickstad, Cecil Mullins and Henry Body were ordained deacons in December. Ralph Wallace, and Carl Larsen have been sustained to work in the Y M M I A. Tim Tompson is the new secretary as Brother Armstrong has been released.

Nine babies were blessed. They are Debra Kuespert, Russell Silva, Perry MacArthur, Pammy Ricketts, M. Luke Robinson, Lessa Ely, Nolan Martin, Dennis Stone. Those confirmed were Sidney Foster, Jeffery Foster, Jean Martinez, Benjamin Wilson, Josephine Russell, Cecil Jeane and Wanda Jeane.

The ward dinner is to be Jan. 8.

San Mateo Stake

Janice Ward Wed In Utah

By Gladys Lemmon

The marriage of Janice Ward and Boyd G. Drennan was solemnized Nov. 4, in the Salt Lake Temple with President John Hawkes performing the ceremony. Accompanying them in the temple were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward of Salt Lake City, and parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. James Drennan of San Mateo Second Ward.

Following the temple rites, the newlyweds were feted at a wedding breakfast by the groom's parents. That evening the bride's parents gave a reception for the young couple which was decorated in bronze and gold for the occasion.

The bride chose a dress of candlelight peau de soie, designed with tapered sleeves and a pearl edged neckline. Her fingertip veil caught to a small hat of Venice lace, enhanced by seed pearls, and she carried a white orchid surrounded by Talisman roses.

Attending the bride were her sisters, Miss Eloise Ward, maid of honor, and Miss Nila Ward, who chose faille gowns in shades of gold and cinnamon and flower bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums. Mrs. Ward wore grey lace over pink taffeta and Mrs. Drennan wore blue lace with matching jacket, and both pinned on Talisman roses and white carnations.

Robert W. Drennan was best man for his brother, and another brother, Bryan Drennan ushered along with Jack House and Don Price.

On November 14 a second reception was held at the James Drennan home in San Mateo for friends and relatives in the Bay Area.

The new Mrs. Drennan is a graduate of the University of Utah and was affiliated with Lamba Delta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi. Boyd is a graduate of the Brigham Young University where he was a member of Gamma Tau. The young couple are making their home in Merced, California.

A UTAH temple wedding for Mrs. Boyd G. Drennan (Janice Ward.

Claremont Ward

Programs Add Holiday Note

By Betty Moss

It was Santa's night at the Primary Christmas party on Dec. 18 at Claremont Ward. After a spaghetti dinner prepared by the Elders Quorum with Joe and Mary Wood as master chefs, the Primary presented the Christmas program. The drama depicted Christmas in many lands. Donetta Madsen and Rhean Griffin directed the production, and Jean Sanders kept things going on stage. Carolyn Sargeant narrated, Delores Simons and Donetta Madsen trained the singers, and Nancy Reid led the singers with Ann Reiche at the piano. Climax of the evening was the arrival of Santa Claus from the North Pole, a bagful of goodies for the children slung over his shoulder.

New Members

Among newer members of the ward are Bill and Nancy Reid. Nancy has been a real boon to the ward music. An excellent pianist, Nancy not only plays for us but manages to have time to participate in many other musical activities. She served as an accompanist for the Messiah and also accompanies the Treble Clef chorus at the University of California. Some of the young people of the ward are fortunate enough to be able to take piano lessons from Nancy, and she has arranged her time to be able to teach others who are interested in piano study. New students are being welcomed.

The recent marriage of Ella Krabbe and Lloyd Johnson was a happy note in the ward.

Work Meeting

The Relief Society celebrated the Christmas season at the December work day meeting. Sister Bain taught the sisters how to make Christmas wreaths from newspapers, styrofoam, and spray paint. A pot luck luncheon was served and a short program followed. Delores Simons sang "O Holy Night," accompanied by Nancy Reid, and Eunice Knecht read the Christmas story that never grows old.

The Mutual's Christmas program was held December 8. An impressive tableau called "The Miracle of Zarahemla" was presented. Geof Millward and Rita Hancock were readers, and the pantomime was done by other members of the M. I. A. costumed appropriately Lily Blackburn sang "The Holy City," and Marvin Moss sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Prior to the program, a sports night was held and indoor baseball was played. The Mutual Stake Board joined in the game which was played with tennis rackets and ping pong balls.

On December 22 the young people went caroling at Kings Daughter's Home and to several other people in the ward. The activity was followed by roller skating at Rollerland.

EDDIE TEO

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corrupted and killed because of the pearls. Eddie doesn't want that kind of money. His debt is one which must be repaid through work.

A modest and unassuming man, Eddie Teo objects to being referred to as a chief. "I want to be just Brother Teo," he says. However, there is a title of which Eddie is extremely proud. To make him beam, address him as "Elder Teo."

Sharp Park

Bazaar Nets Total of $216

By Agnes Jean Babcock

The Sharp Park Branch Relief Society netted a sum of $216. on the annual bazaar held at the Branch Home Dec. 5. The money is to be used to build up their own funds and part of it will be turned over to the building fund.

The Primary sold candy and cakes at the Bazaar.

A Relief Society Christmas party especially in honor of the visiting teachers was held Monday evening, December 14, at the home of newly appointed Relief Society president,, Sister Marilyn Russell.

The Branch MIA sponsored a Christmas dance on Friday evening, Dec. 18 at the Sharp Park School building. An entertaining floorshow was presented.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22 the MIA journeyed to do some Christmas caroling for a hospital. Refreshments were served afterward.

Sister Shirley Ray Darnell was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Dec. 5 and confirmed the morning of the sixth by Brother Robert Parry. Brother Thomas Woods along with Brother Parry have just completed a Stake Mission and they helped Sister Darnell to understand the gospel.

Brother George A. Waite who was recently released as a full time missionary in this area of Pacifica visited friends in the branch in December. He spent Christmas with his folks in St. Johns, Arizona.

THIRTEEN-WEEK

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a member of the ward bishopric or other competent leader, according to stake MIA officers. The ward meetings are scheduled for all wards in each stake of the Church.

Purpose of the meetings, as outlined by Church officials, is "to stimulate greater faith and devotion and to protect the young people against tendencies toward delinquency abroad in the land today."

Some of the subjects to be treated are: adherence to Church standards of conduct , choosing of friends, responsibiility of young men to the young women they date, responsibilities of young women in dating relationships, chaperonage of dates, "steady" dating, use of car in dating, dangers of "petting" and "necking" on dates, dating on the Sabbath and dating and ultimate marrige.

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